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## NEW ANGLO-TURKISH TALKS ON THE BALKANS

### VIOLENT RAID ON LONDON

An earlier alert than for some time was sounded in the London area last night, and almost immediately afterwards gunfire was heard.

It was early evident that London was to be the German main objective for night raids.

As planes flew over the capital together the drone of engines was very loud, indicating either low-flying or a larger number of aircraft than usually operate over the capital at one time.

After a lively start the attack gradually grew sharper. Gunfire was extremely heavy and one observer considered it the most intensive this year.

Flashes lit the sky in increasing numbers.

HOUSES IN MORE THAN ONE AREA WERE HIT BY HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS AND RESCUE SQUADS RUSHED TO RELEASE PEOPLE TRAPPED BE-NEATH WRECKAGE. — REUTER.

### KEREN'S FALL NEARS

Further important positions south of Keren have been captured and Italian counter-attacks have again been repulsed with serious Italian losses, says a communique issued by General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

The situation, the communique says, is developing favourably.

As regards Abyssinia, the communique states that pressure by patriot forces is developing against Debra-Marcos.

Announcing the occupation of Jijiga, the communique adds: "In other sectors our general advance is proceeding."

#### R.A.F. Activity

Activity by the R.A.F. in supporting the military operations in Abyssinia and Somaliland continued unabated yesterday, says an R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

Italian troops around Keren were bombed and machine-gunned. — Reuter.

### Mr. Eden's Flying Trip To Cyprus: Complete Harmony

#### MARTIAL LAW PROLONGED IN TURKEY

The decree concerning martial law in Turkey was unanimously prolonged a further three months at a meeting of the Turkish Grand National Assembly yesterday, states Ankara radio quoted by Reuter.

### American 'Planes In China

Forty American 'planes have arrived in China from the United States, according to a Chinese press report in Shanghai.

The consignment is stated to be part of 100 aircraft for which the Chinese Government had asked the United States.

In addition, the United States is reported to have agreed to sell four "Flying Fortresses" to China, and the Chungking Government hopes to reorganise its air force with American aid.

It is also reported in Shanghai that over 300 Japanese troops were killed at Wuling, in Hupeh Province, when Japanese 'planes mistakenly bombed their own troops. — Reuter.

### ROOSEVELT HOLIDAY

President Roosevelt was scheduled to leave Washington yesterday on a brief holiday.

He was to embark on the yacht Potomac at an unnamed port in Florida. The yacht will be escorted by two destroyers.

All details of the trip are being kept secret. — Reuter.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, YESTERDAY MET DR. SARAJOGLU, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, IN CYPRUS.

The meeting is the second between the two statesmen in less than three weeks. The previous meeting took place in Ankara, when General Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, conferred with Turkish Ministers and the Army Chief of Staff.

### BRITISH REQUEST OF U.S.

Britain has asked for the use of United States navy yards.

This information was given yesterday by the U.S. Secretary for Navy, Col. Frank Knox, in a statement to the press.

The United States Navy had some facilities which the British might use, he added, but no action had yet been taken in connection with the request, which was made during the past three or four days.

Col. Knox declined to elaborate on the statement beyond the fact that the request had been made.

HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S FIRST AID TO BRITAIN WOULD BE TO SUPPLY LIGHT VESSELS SUCH AS SUBMARINE CHASERS, MOTOR TORPEDO-BOATS AND OTHER VESSELS OF THE "MOSQUITO" TYPE. — REUTER.

### RUMANIAN LANDSLIDE

A LANDSLIDE OCCURRED IN THE BURZAN DISTRICT OF RUMANIA, CENTRE OF THE DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE A FEW WEEKS AGO, STATED A BUCHAREST DESPATCH RECEIVED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY.

As a result of this and previous landslides, the contours of the country have been changed and new hills have been formed while many streams have altered their courses. — Reuter.

### ITALIAN ATTACKS SMASHED

"THE GREEK REPLY TO LOCAL ATTACKS BY ITALIAN TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT ON TUESDAY WAS QUICK AND DRASTIC. ATTACKING DETACHMENTS ALL BEING DRIVEN BACK AND SUSTAINING HEAVY LOSSES."

This statement by the Greek Press Ministry was broadcast by Athens radio last night.

It was stated the attacks were preceded in each case by a fairly heavy artillery barrage. — Reuter.

#### Greek Communique

Last night's Greek High Command communique said that Italian offensive action in the central sector of the Albanian front, supported by tanks, and another minor action in the northern sector, have been repulsed, prisoners taken and three tanks destroyed.

The communique states that a company of Italian attacking forces was cut off and trapped in the converging fire of Greek automatic weapons and artillery, and completely wiped out.

As a result of successful operations the Greeks captured a number of prisoners in the Acos Valley.

All is quiet in the interior of the country. — Reuter.



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# Colossal Burden Placed On Europe By Nazi Machine

## STRIKING FIGURES REVEALED IN COMMONS

### BUT HE DID NOT SAY WHOSE BOUNDARIES

The present negotiations between Germany and Soviet Russia are concerned with boundary adjustments, said the German Foreign Office spokesman in Berlin yesterday.

The spokesman added that the visit of the Soviet Ambassador to the Wilhelmstrasse yesterday was a matter of usual routine.—Reuter.

### ST. LAWRENCE POWER PLAN

A new agreement between the United States and Canada to begin work on the big St. Lawrence navigation and power project, was announced in Washington and Ottawa yesterday.

It will be presented to Congress and the Canadian Parliament simultaneously on Friday.

Immediate objectives are to increase production of the International Rapids section of the river and provide an outlet for shipbuilding facilities in the Great Lakes area.—Reuter.

### FINE WORK OF INDIAN TROOPS

AN OFFICER OF THE INDIAN ARMY WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO NEW DELHI FROM THE MIDDLE EAST THEATRE OF WAR SAID YESTERDAY THAT SOLDIERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES FORMED AN EXCEEDINGLY HIGH OPINION OF THE INDIAN SOLDIER.

Indian officers, such as Garhwalis, Baluchis, Mahrattas, Sikhs, Pathans and Madrasis, including men from Dehra Dun and also Viceroy's commissioned officers, all did exceedingly well and compared very favourably with those from other parts of the Empire.—Reuter.

### ENTRY OF JEWS INTO PALESTINE

Mr. G. Hall, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, disclosed in the House of Commons yesterday that hitherto permits have been issued for 700 Rumanian Jews to go to Palestine.

Mr. Hall foreshadowed the possibility of similar action regarding Bulgarian Jews.—Reuter.

### INDIAN CONFERENCE

A military conference of rulers and representatives of States maintaining Indian State forces discussed in New Delhi yesterday matters relating to enhancing the value of the State forces' cooperation during the war. Unanimous decisions were reached.—Reuter.

THE ENORMITY of the burden placed on the occupied countries by Germany was disclosed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Total annual amount of German depredation is estimated at £1,150,000,000, apart from indirect losses to occupied territories and burdens on countries for which no estimates are available.

The cash burden, said Mr. Butler, was about £1,050,000,000 and additional to this were obligations in kind.

Norway had to pay an annual sum of £68,000,000, equal to about £25 per head of the population.

Comparative figures for Denmark were a total of £26,000,000 and £8 per head, for Belgium a total of £75,000,000 and £8 per head, Holland a total of £54,000,000 and £6 per head, and France a total of £827,000,000 and £20 per head.

In addition, Mr. Butler continued, Germany received amounts from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria, but no estimates were available.

Norway's burden was the heaviest, amounting to over one-third of her pre-war national income.

### Interesting Reminder

Mr. Butler recalled that the maximum annual demand from Germany ever contemplated under the Young Plan was £125,000,000, or less than one-third of the present French payment.

A further burden, Mr. Butler said, comprises exports from occupied countries to Germany. They are obliged to send more goods to Germany than they receive in return, and the surplus is paid for in "blocked marks" from which no benefit is derived nor is likely to be derived in future.

Even though the occupied territories have already been denuded of most of the readily exportable surpluses, Mr. Butler added, the total annual loss to the Western occupied territories may still be estimated at about £100,000,000.—Reuter.

### OIL DISPUTE WITH MEXICO

Hitherto no suggestion for a fair and equitable settlement has been made by the Mexican Government in connection with the expropriation of foreign oil property.

This statement was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question.

Mr. Butler was further asked, "When is this unfortunate affair expected to be settled?"

He replied: "When a suggestion is made to us for a fair and equitable settlement."—Reuter.

### ADMIRAL ESTEVA IN VICHY

Admiral Esteva, Resident-General of Tunis, arrived in Vichy yesterday to confer with members of the French Government, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

### French Hopes Of America

France's hopes of American aid to relieve her food shortage, were voiced by Marshal Petain in a broadcast speech at Grenoble yesterday.

The Government, he said, had a heavy task and was specially concerned with the shortage of supplies and stocks.

"We are counting greatly on American aid to relieve the shortage," he declared.

France was undergoing great difficulties and her life was threatened with still severer measures but "we are working more and producing more."—Reuter.

### ITALIAN SEIZURE OF HOSTAGES

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NATURALLY CONDEMNED THE ITALIAN ARMY TAKING AS HOSTAGES 200 GREEKS AND 250 ALBANIANS IN EPIRUS AND SOUTHERN ALBANIA, SAID MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The hostages consisted of leading citizens, priests, women, children and old men, who were marched to concentration camps.

The action was contrary to International Law, Mr. Butler said.—Reuter.

### SHANGHAI BUS SERVICE STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The bus service in the International Settlement, Shanghai, was partly resumed last night following negotiations between the workers' representatives and the company.

It is understood that the workers promised to return to duty to-day.—Our Own Correspondent.

### SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR VOTE PASSED

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed the Bill appropriating \$1,750,000,000 for the purposes of the Lease and Lend Act.

Voting in favour of the appropriation was 366 to 55.—Reuter.

### NAZIS UNEASY OVER RAID ON LOFOTEN

The Lofoten raid by British and Norwegian naval units caused the greatest alarm among the Germans, who are constantly fearing a repetition of that spectacular exploit.

The German military authorities are planning to place garrisons on all of the hundreds of islets along the Norwegian coast, according to information from Norway reaching the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

If this plan is put into operation a very large number of German troops will be immobilised.—Reuter.

### EXPORT LICENCES FOR FOOD

From April 3 practically all foodstuffs will be subject to export licensing control to all destinations, under a Board of Trade Order issued in London yesterday.

Chief exceptions will be wines and spirits, pickles, sauces and chutneys.

New additions to the control list are made in the Order.

Concessions under which, with some exceptions, foodstuffs subject to export control, may be exported without licence to Crown Colonies and Protectorates, provided an import licence has been obtained in the territory concerned, remain in force.—Reuter.

### U.S. NAVAL CRUISE IN PACIFIC

COMMENTING ON THE "TRAINING CRUISE" OF FOUR UNITED STATES CRUISERS AND NINE DESTROYERS TO AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PORTS, COL. KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY FOR NAVY, SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS "VERY CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRALIA AND GREATLY IN SYMPATHY WITH HER ASPIRATIONS."

With the exceptions of those whose movements had already been publicised there were no more United States naval vessels in the south Pacific, he added. Those in the Antipodes would return shortly to Honolulu.—Reuter.

### DR. KLEFFENS SEES PRES. ROOSEVELT

Dr. Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, conferred with President Roosevelt just before the latter left for a brief holiday, and it is understood the Netherlands East Indies were among subjects discussed.

On leaving the White House yesterday Dr. Kleffens said he had talked with the President regarding the situation in the Netherlands.

He praised highly the President's efforts for the Allies as well as his work in connection with the Lease and Lend Bill as an admirable instance of his governing capacity.—Reuter.

### 'BEST PAL' UNDER CHARGE

Thomas Augustine Monahan, 26, a private in the Carleton and York Regiment of the Canadian Active Service Force, pleaded Not Guilty at the Old Bailey to a charge of murdering a comrade. In an alleged statement he called the comrade, L.-Cpl. Charles Creighton Baker, his "best pal."

Mr. John Flowers, K.C., prosecuting, said that the tragedy arose out of quite small matters. After being ordered out of the regimental mess kitchen by the cook, Pte. Evans, Monahan was alleged to have said: "Evans, I am going to get you before this war is over, even if it is in a dirty way."

Monahan left, but returned five minutes later with his rifle. After Baker had twice told him to put his rifle down, Monahan fired and Baker was shot through the body. While Evans and another soldier were going for a doctor and the police, Monahan reloaded his gun, put it on the ground and fired at himself. He received a flesh wound on the chest.

The hearing was adjourned.

### TWO-OCEAN NAVY VOTE FOR SENATE

THE U.S. SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE \$3,447,000,000 BILL TO HELP FINANCE AMERICA'S TWO-OCEAN NAVY.

The Bill, which provides for the construction of six new-type battle-cruisers, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate begins consideration to-day.—Reuter.

### COMMUNAL CLASH AT DACCA

Nine are reported to have been killed and 87 wounded in communal clashes in Dacca arising from a bazaar brawl which led to arson.

Police later fired on a mob attempting to set fire to a shop, and nine were wounded.—Reuter.

### CONGRATULATIONS ON TEPELINI

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, has sent a telegram to the Greek Prime Minister, expressing great pleasure at the further brilliant success of the Greeks in repelling the recent heavy Italian attacks.—Reuter.



# JAPAN'S SCHEMES IN EAST ASIA

## Mr. Quo Tai-chi Gives Warning In London

### EX-M.P. TO PAY £2,000

#### Breach Damages For Barmaid

Breach of promise damages against a barrister, who is an alderman of Lancashire County Council and a former M.P., were assessed at £2,000 by the Official Referee, Mr. C. M. Pitman, K.C., at the Law Courts in favour of Miss Marie Daphne Harrison, of Sparkenhoe Street, Leicester, formerly a head barmaid.

The defendant was Maj. Myles Storr Nigel Kennedy, of Stone Cross, Ulverston, Lancs.

Mr. Norman Winning, for Miss Harrison, said judgment had been signed in her favour by the Registrar at Leicester in default of Maj. Kennedy's appearance. A further judgment of the Registrar assessing damages had been set aside by Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson, who sent the case for assessment of damages to the High Court Referee.

Miss Harrison told the Official Referee that she left her post as head barmaid at the Grand Hotel, Leicester, at the Major's request, to marry him. He told her he paid £1,200 in surtax.

He said he was interested in iron ore mines at Barrow, was a director of a bank and of a brewery, and was formerly M. P. for North Leicestershire. He was a major of the Border Regiment but retired two years ago.

#### Gift Of Car

There was a celebration at the hotel when they became engaged and he gave her a diamond ring. Next morning he called at her home in a 16 h.p. car and told her mother he had given it to the plaintiff.

He invited a married woman to act as chaperon when he and Miss Harrison travelled north together. This friend had to return before they stayed at an hotel at Preston. The major came to her room, told her they would be married by special licence the following day and seduced her. Next day they chose £900 worth of furniture.

Miss Harrison said she still had the ring the major gave her, and pearls. She also had the car, though, she added, he refused to let her have the registration book, so that she could not use it.

Intimacy took place on two other occasions. The major came to London to have his portrait painted, and at the studio a woman said, "I never know where I am with Nigel's girl friends." The major answered, "There is safety in numbers. I am a confirmed bachelor." When Miss Harrison remanded him that he was engaged to her, his comment was, "I can easily get out of that."

#### "Other Girl"

Miss Harrison said she went to a London store with the major and was fitted with some suits. The major accompanied a girl friend to another department and bought her underclothing, of which one item was marked eight guineas. He walked out of the store with this other girl. When Miss Harrison spoke to him he said, "Don't talk to me. I am a corpse."

"Are we engaged?" she demanded, and he replied, "No, we are not."

The Official Referee, giving judgment, said that he was bound to accept the uncontradicted evidence of Miss Harrison of the major's statement of the surtax he paid, the properties he owned, and so forth. He was undoubtedly a rich man. Judgment would be entered for Miss Harrison for £2,000, with costs.

The Official Referee added that he dealt with the case in the absence of Major Kennedy.

## Aggression Delayed Not Abandoned

LET NO-ONE MISTAKE THAT JAPAN'S PROGRAMME HAS BEEN IN ANY WAY ABANDONED, DECLARED MR. QUO TAI-CHI, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, SPEAKING AT THE FABIAN SOCIETY LUNCHEON IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"Japan is only waiting a favourable moment to take the plunge in the hope of sharing the spoils with her Nazi partners, but I can assure you that China will not listen to any specious peace proposals designed only to extricate Japan for further aggressions."

### TERROR WAS AT TOBRUK

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

The veteran monitor, Terror, gave a great send-off to the attack on Tobruk when early on Tuesday morning she crept within four miles of the shore defences to harass reserve concentrations of troops and transport.

For nearly two hours her much used pair of 15-inchers flashed into the night, throwing, with each burst, a ton of high explosive into the darkened Italian lines. In one period of 43 minutes she fired no fewer than 75 shells. The 96 which she fired altogether represented more than 100 tons of destruction.

We were part now of a famous flotilla which includes gunboats built for Chinese rivers, incongruous craft which, because of the shallow draught and indomitable crews, can skate over minefields. They are always popping up where the Italians least expect them.

High up in the fighting top of this sturdy old monitor I listened to the mournful song of our monster projectiles as they hummed and whistled away. Our zero hour had arrived.

#### Like A 'Bus Signal

The firebell rang with its inconsequential ting-ting, like a London 'bus getting the signal to start. The old ship shuddered as the roar swept around us. The bombardment had begun somewhere in that sandy ravine known as Wadi Sehel, west of Tobruk.

We knew shells would spread wreckage and destruction among the dense concentration of Italian reserves waiting there to meet with counter-attack the first onrush of the Imperial Forces. Again and again we woke wide echoes from the sandy shores with our reverberations.

Far away we could see lights twinkling momentarily. "The shore batteries," we almost whispered one to another in the silence which hung so heavily by contrast with the roar of guns. We waited to hear the whine of the shells seeking us out, but none came.

#### Ticklish Job Done

With monotonous regularity we pounded away, the gunnery officer shifting his range so that our shells would fall first in one area of concentration and then in another. He brought camps, transport, a vital junction where five roads meet, and the area where the Italian headquarters were situated under harassing fire. The shells sweep a radius of 200 yards as flat as a scythe would do.

Finally came the order, "Cease fire." None of us was really sorry, for we were all tired, dashed tired, but happy in the knowledge that

Mr. Quo also declared "China remains unconquered and more than ever unconquerable. We have been a bit tougher and even more resilient than the world expected."

"China is blessed with a brilliant leader. We have our Chiang Kai-shek, as you have your Winston Churchill and the Americans have their Franklin Roosevelt."

"China has more than doubled her military strength since the war against Japan began. We are self-sufficient in all arms except planes and heavy guns, which have to be imported and are essential to a general counter-offensive which may come sooner than might be expected."

#### Noxious Doctrine

"China has really borne the brunt of the mechanised aggression. She has led the van in armed resistance to the noxious doctrine that could not be checked by reasoning."

"From the beginning we have felt we are fighting for others as well as for ourselves, although for more than two years we fought a rather lonely fight. 'The world belatedly realises now what we asserted a decade ago about Japan's programme of aggression.'"

Mr. Quo did not deny friction between the Government and the Communists though he said it was greatly exaggerated by Japanese propaganda.

#### Internal Unity

Moreover, he was confident the Communists, realising the supreme necessity of internal unity, would continue to afford the Government cooperation and support such as they pledged themselves to do when the war began.

After surveying Chinese military success in the past six months, Mr. Quo drew special attention to the almost miraculous development of the natural riches of south-west and north-west China since the Chinese Government was established at Chungking, the consequences of which for China's future influence in Asia might well outweigh all other fruits of the war.

#### Fine Form

The Ambassador, whose reputation as an orator has long been established in London, was in fine fighting form.

The large audience generally agreed he had never delivered a better speech, which was punctuated with continual applause, especially the references to President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill and the formidable growth of the Chinese forces which are now holding a million Japanese inextricably bogged in China.—Reuter.

a ticklish job had been well done. At times we had been firing very near our own troops. Only most accurate calculations had avoided that margin of error.

Our consorts joined us, and as we rolled home like the three jolly huntsmen we saw that the Air Force was taking up the job where we had left it.

The battle was on, and zero hour, which we had heralded, had arrived.

### NO ITALIAN REQUEST FOR SAFE CONDUCT

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, dealt in the House of Commons yesterday with the question of Italian non-combatants in Abyssinia.

Mr. Butler recalled that an Italian request for a safe conduct was a prerequisite for British action, and no such request had been made.—Reuter.

### CAROL SENDS AN EMISSARY

Ex-King Carol and Mme. Lupescu's luggage and four dogs which they left behind at Seville when they escaped to Portugal, are being collected by the Portuguese Count de Mofra, who has arrived in Seville from Lisbon.

The Count is also settling Carol's outstanding accounts. He first had an interview with the Chief of the Seville Police.—Reuter.

### NEW CHIEF SCOUT APPOINTED

Lord Somers, who recently succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of Great Britain, has now been appointed Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth, says Reuter from London.

### CREDITS FOR FREE FRANCE

The British Government has formally agreed to provide credits for financing the Free French war effort.

This is one of two agreements just reached between the British Government and General de Gaulle.

The second agreement deals with foreign exchange questions between the British Empire and the Free French Empire. It re-establishes the pre-Armistice parity between the pound and franc at 176.625.

Each Colony can freely dispose of foreign exchange proceeds of exports and gold production under the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, which will be in a position if necessary to use the surplus exchange resources of one colony to meet the deficit of another, or for the Free French forces as a whole.—Reuter.

### STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVE

There was some investment enquiry on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and industrials, Courtaulds and Dunlops were again higher. Cements also improved while home rails attracted further support. Elsewhere the markets were very quiet but tully steady. Kaffirs were firm, except for some easiness in non-producers. Oils were steady except for a slight decline in Shells. Chinese engineering declined on a dividend for the year of 9d against 1/6d. Wall Street was hesitant.—Reuter.

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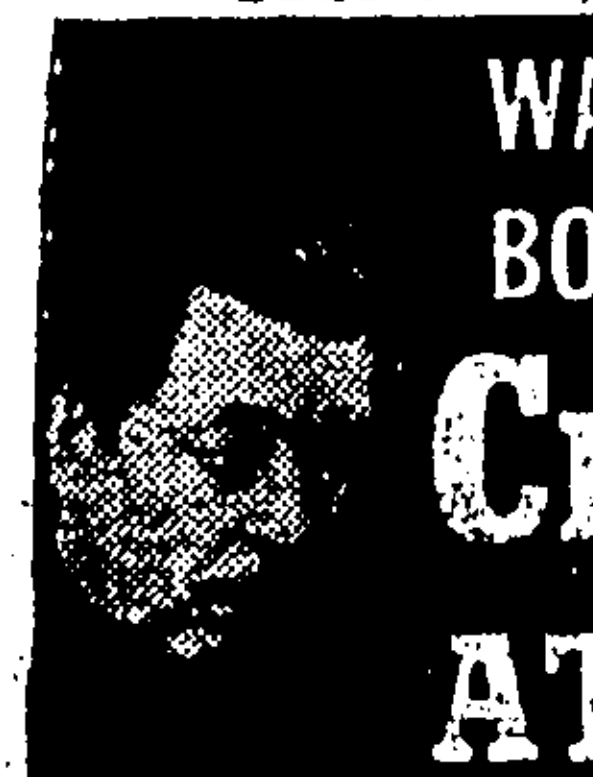
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# HOUSE OF COMMONS SHAKEN--BY GUSTS OF LAUGHTER

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, irritated by a notice on railway carriages of otherwise crowded trains reading "Not For Public Use," ventilated their sense of grievance in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Their resentment dissolved in roars of laughter, however, following the explanation of the Transport Minister, Col. Moore-Brabazon.

Being pressed to state what the special reasons for these reservations were, the Minister said: "The list is rather a curious one. It includes broken windows, infectious diseases, and corpses."

The House tittered and the Minister continued: "It also includes lunatics and high Service officials." The House laughed.

The Minister concluded: "And, finally, it includes convicts and Cabinet Ministers."

The House roared and continued in open hilarity when Labour members asked how railway officials managed to distinguish between all these categories.—Reuter.

## FIELD-MARSHAL MANNERHEIM SERIOUSLY ILL

Field-Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, virtual founder of modern Finland, who commanded the Finnish forces against Russia in 1939, became ill some days ago, states a Helsinki despatch received in Berlin. He is 73.—Reuter.

## JOINING THE FREE FRENCH FORCES

The first batch of volunteers from French India left Pondicherry last night to join the Free French forces, says a Reuter cable.

## PLANNING NEW LONDON

London buildings destroyed by air attack may never be rebuilt. Among many plans which have been suggested to the Government for post-war reconstruction the most striking provides for a city of lawns and gardens, in which would be laid out only the administrative, cultural, academic, religious and educational centres of the country and the Empire.

This scheme has been formulated by a group of young architects, artists and town-planners, several of whom are in the Services.

Business and commerce would be divorced from this future London. Its residential areas would be occupied only by those engaged in politics, education and the arts, and by workers in essential services.

### Ornamental Gardens

Whether or not Lord Reith's Ministry of Works and Buildings adopts this plan, or something like it, no rebuilding of London will be attempted during the war.

It has been decided, when the debris of shattered buildings has been cleared, to level the sites and beautify them with turf, flagstones and ornamental gardens.

While the war is in progress there are neither men nor materials to spare. Nor is there any intention to erect more potential "military objectives" while indiscriminate Nazi bombing continues.

Architects and town-planners see in this decision an opportunity to preserve these spaces for ever and to reveal London to future generations as a city of spires and towers and fine architecture.

### Preliminary Plan

In preliminary plans for this new London, surrounded by the calm dignity of squares and boulevards were the present Houses of Parliament and other Government buildings, County Hall, all the finest churches which survive, a State theatre and opera house and every other worth-while building which now serves religion, the arts, culture or politics.

St. Paul's on its hill, its gilded cross as high as Hampstead Heath, towered from its surrounding gardens over broad, straight streets which Wren visualised nearly 300 years ago.

Other smaller churches, each in its oasis of green, revealed their full beauty for the first time in living memory.

Over in the direction of Bloomsbury rose the white clustering of London University buildings and the more sedate outlines of the British Museum.

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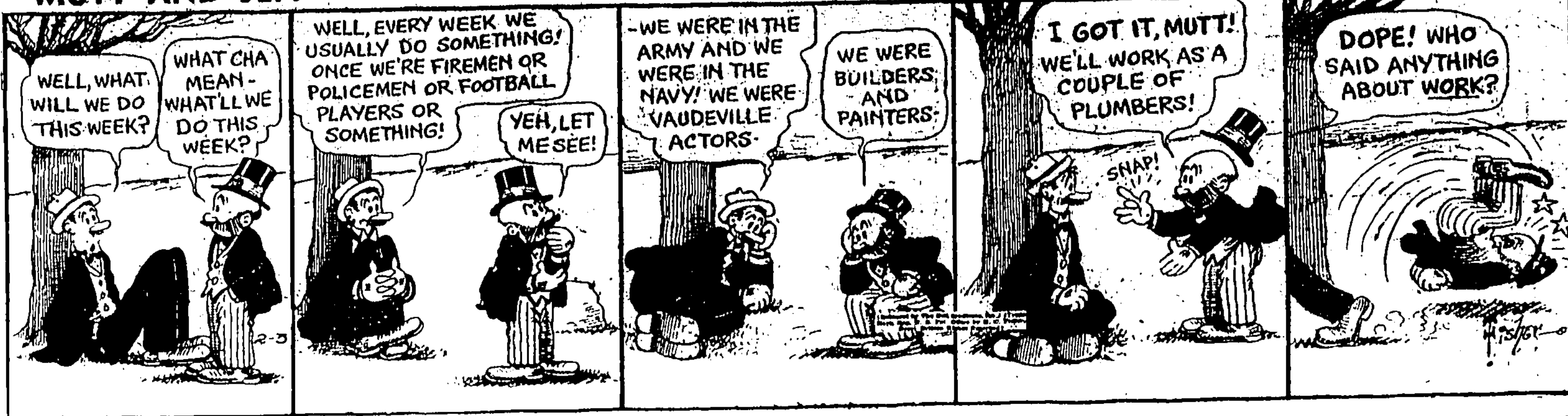
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## MUTT AND JEFF

REMARIED WIFE  
AFTER DIVORCE

An Army sergeant, Thomas William Whittingham, 40, who was stated to have remarried his wife after a divorce and later to have gone through a marriage ceremony with a single woman, was at Dorset Assizes bound over for a year on a charge of bigamy.

According to the prosecution, Whittingham was married in 1923 and there were seven children. With his wife and family he went to Egypt and India, where, in 1935, he divorced his wife because of her alleged misconduct. On returning to England with four of the children he remarried his wife at Leyton in 1938.

He never lived with his wife after the ceremony, and in October, 1939, "married" Miss Beatrice May Snell, of Bournemouth, who had two children by him, one before the "marriage."

"Miss Snell, now that she knows the facts, still desires to live with him," added counsel.

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Imperturbable Viscount Hisaakira Kano, London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, spending a business-as-usual honeymoon at his office after his marriage to a Japanese doctor's daughter, told a reporter that Britain only needs a "loud-speaker" to find her friends.

"Dr. Goebbels," he said, "has sent such a thick smoke screen round the world that even my countrymen are blinded. They are only just beginning to hear of your victory at Taranto. It has been smothered by German propaganda."

## "Feeble" Efforts

"Your propaganda is feeble. They are only just beginning to realise in Japan that Hitler's invasion of Britain has failed."

"It is Great Britain herself who has driven Japan into the arms of the Axis. The Japanese people are still your friend: but they want to know that you are not going down."

"We have had three years of war in Japan—not the sort of war you are waging here—it is more like a colonial war."

"Its economic effect on the peo-

ple is just beginning to come to the surface—and now their difficulties are increased by the British control of imports and exports."

"But the Japanese are your friends."

## Tell Them!

"Tell them what you are doing. They know Hitler was going to be in London in July, August, September, October. They just begin to realise he is not there yet."

"Tell them about your victory at Taranto. Tell them about your air victories in the Battle of Britain. They do not know. They are blinded by the smoke screens of Dr. Goebbels."

"I predicted many months ago that last Easter would be the turning-point of the war. I think, in many ways, it was."

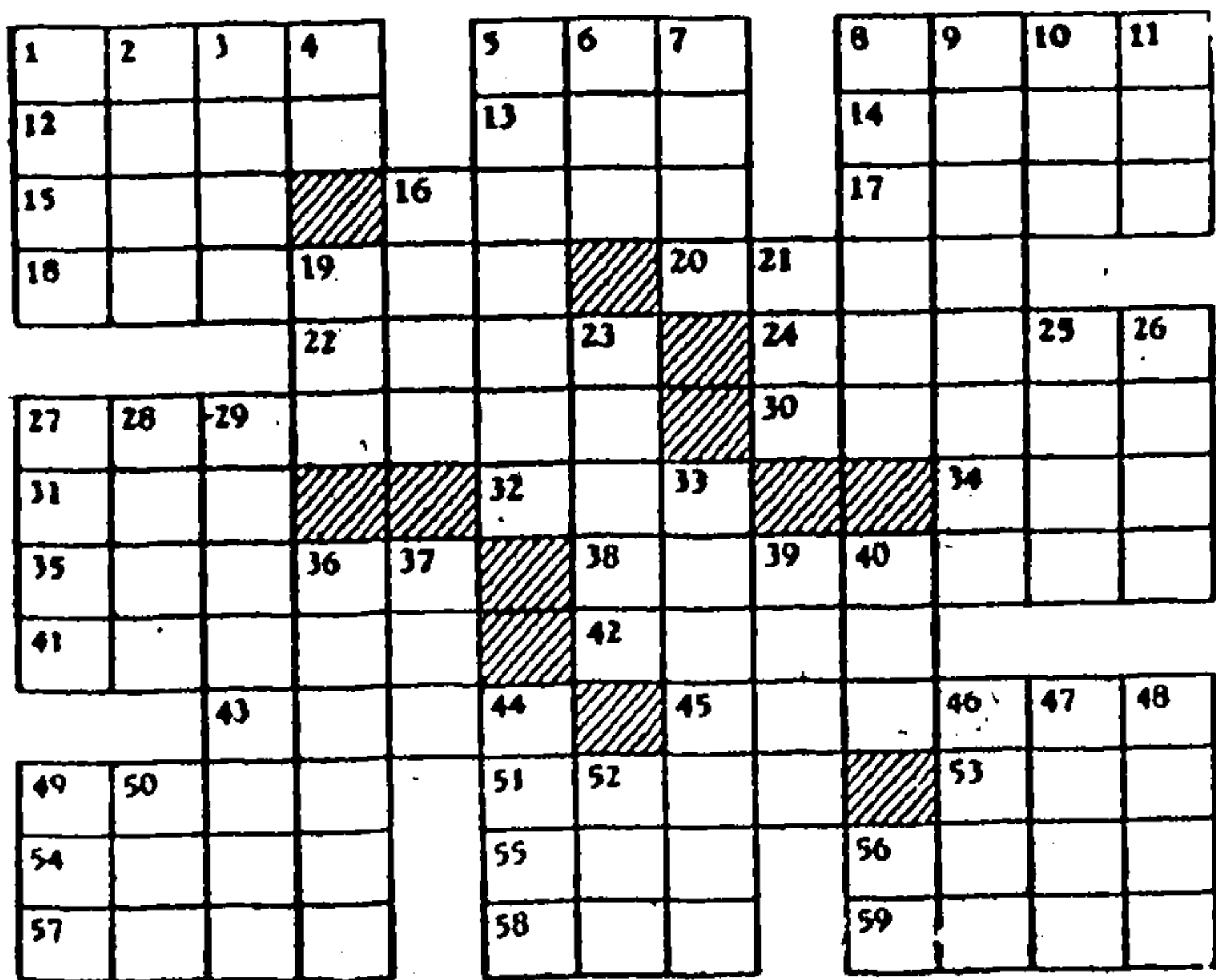
"But in Japan a fortune-teller predicted that Hitler's star would rise and rise until September, and the star of Britain would go down and down and down. And then there would come a change."

"I am not a star-gazer. I form my judgment on a study of economics. I know Great Britain must win."

"About January or February your food supplies will suffer. This warfare against your ships in the Atlantic is serious. You will not go short of essential foods, but you will begin to know you are fighting a war."

"But you must pierce this German smoke screen that is going round the world. You will realise, then, who are your friends."

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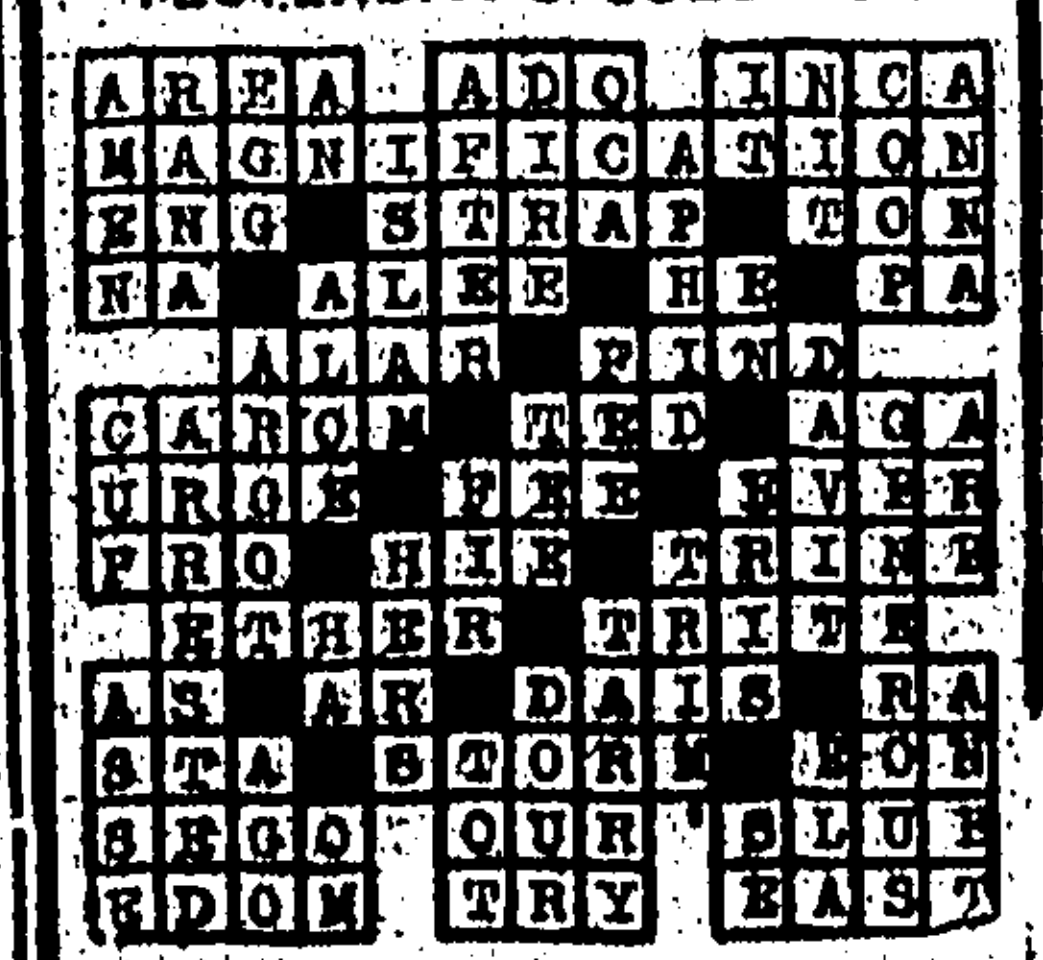
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Leaf
- 5 To mend
- 8 Snare
- 12 Dye plant
- 13 Swiss canton
- 14 Network
- 15 Conjunction
- 16 To whirl
- 17 To affirm
- 18 Springing gait
- 20 Trigonometrical ratio
- 22 God of love
- 24 Meager
- 27 To propose
- 30 Affray
- 31 Humming-bird
- 32 Period of
- 34 First woman
- 35 Animal skins
- 38 Eschewed
- 41 Drawing-room
- 42 Magic stick
- 43 Dash
- 45 Greek mythological character
- 49 Fibre plant
- 51 Heraldic bearing
- 53 Part of "to be"

## VERTICAL

- 1 Ache
- 2 Ox of Celebes
- 3 Lass
- 4 Spanish article
- 5 To imagine
- 6 Silkworm
- 7 Triumphs

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## 8 Daze

- 9 Uncovered
- 10 Devoured
- 11 By
- 12 Painful
- 13 Lower limb
- 14 Doctrine
- 15 Stalk of grain
- 16 Glacial snow
- 17 Placed on a mound
- 18 Weakens
- 19 Part of the eye
- 20 Ancient sailing vessels
- 21 Was of use
- 22 City in Ohio
- 23 Nahtoor sheep
- 24 At one time
- 25 Girl's name
- 26 Protuberance
- 27 Strange
- 28 Russian mountain range
- 29 Transmitted
- 30 High mountain
- 31 Sheltered
- 32 To flow
- 33 Part of "to be"

POLICE  
BRIBERY  
CHARGE

An alleged offer of a £50 bribe was referred to at Old Street police-court, when Harry Webber, 45, a shopkeeper, King Street, Hammersmith, was committed to the Old Bailey on charges of receiving 54 cameras, value £150, and corruptly giving £10 to Det. Basil Acott.

Det. Acott said that the cameras were found in the false bottom of a coal-box at Webber's shop. Subsequently Webber approached him and said:

"I have a lot of 'form' behind me. Get me a 'carpet' here and there's £20 for you. For 'half a century,' I want you to get the whole job slung. Whatever happens, your £20 is guaranteed. I am not 'stuffy,' but for £50 you could easily sink my boat which will sink me and bust my business."

A week later, said Det. Acott, Webber handed him £10. Det. Insp. Davis and Det. Sgt. Glander, who had been following, then came up.

He said that "form" meant previous convictions, a "carpet" meant six months' hard labour, and "half a century" was £50.

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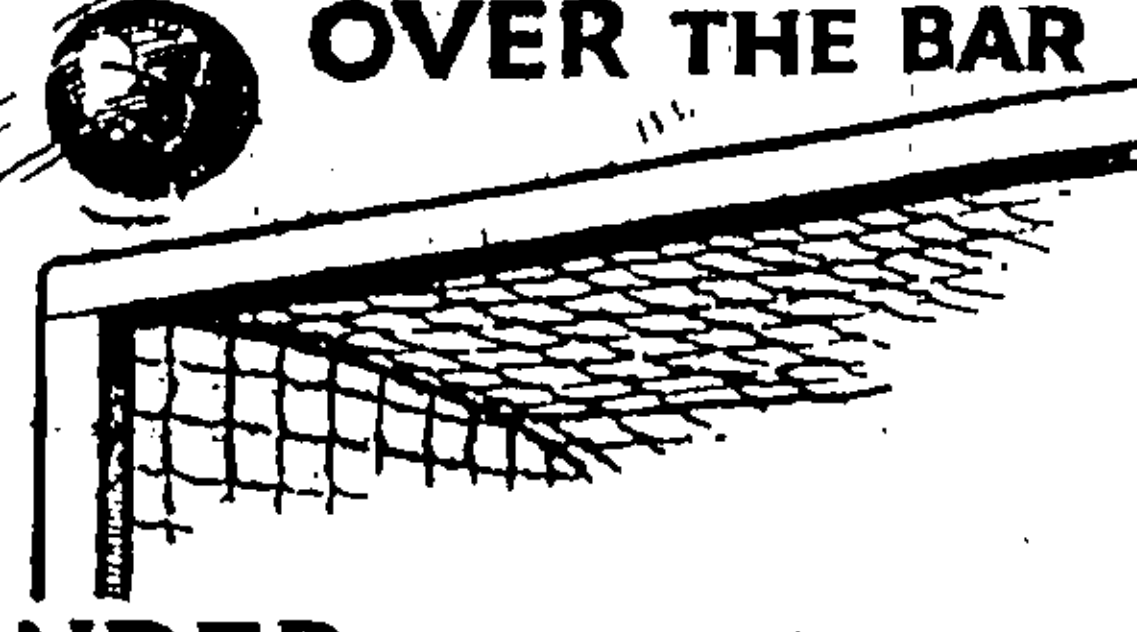
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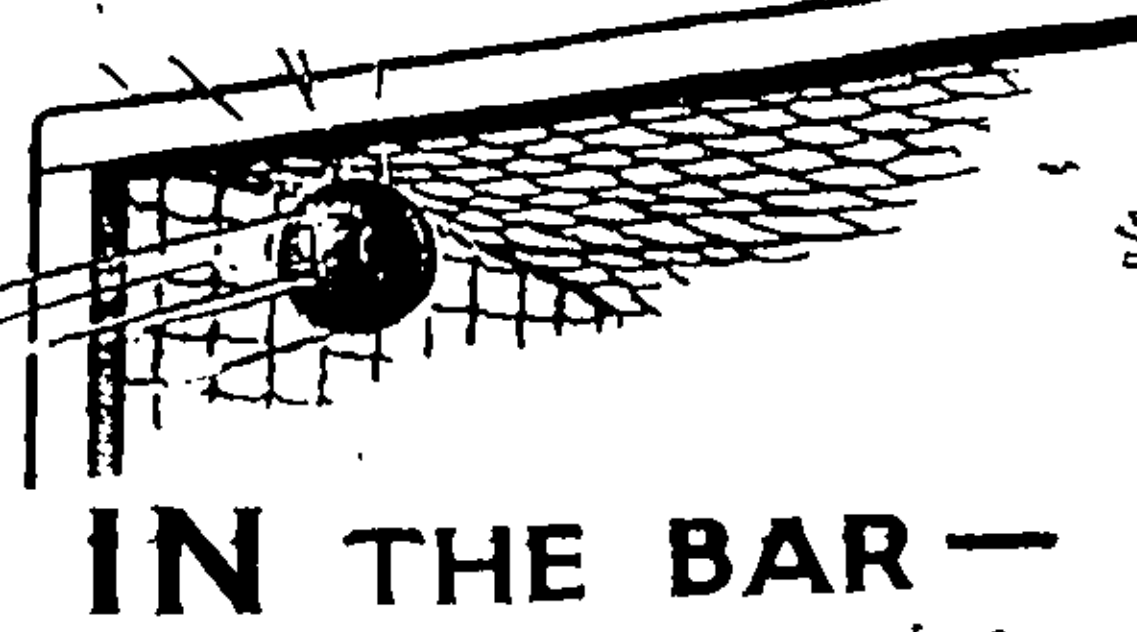
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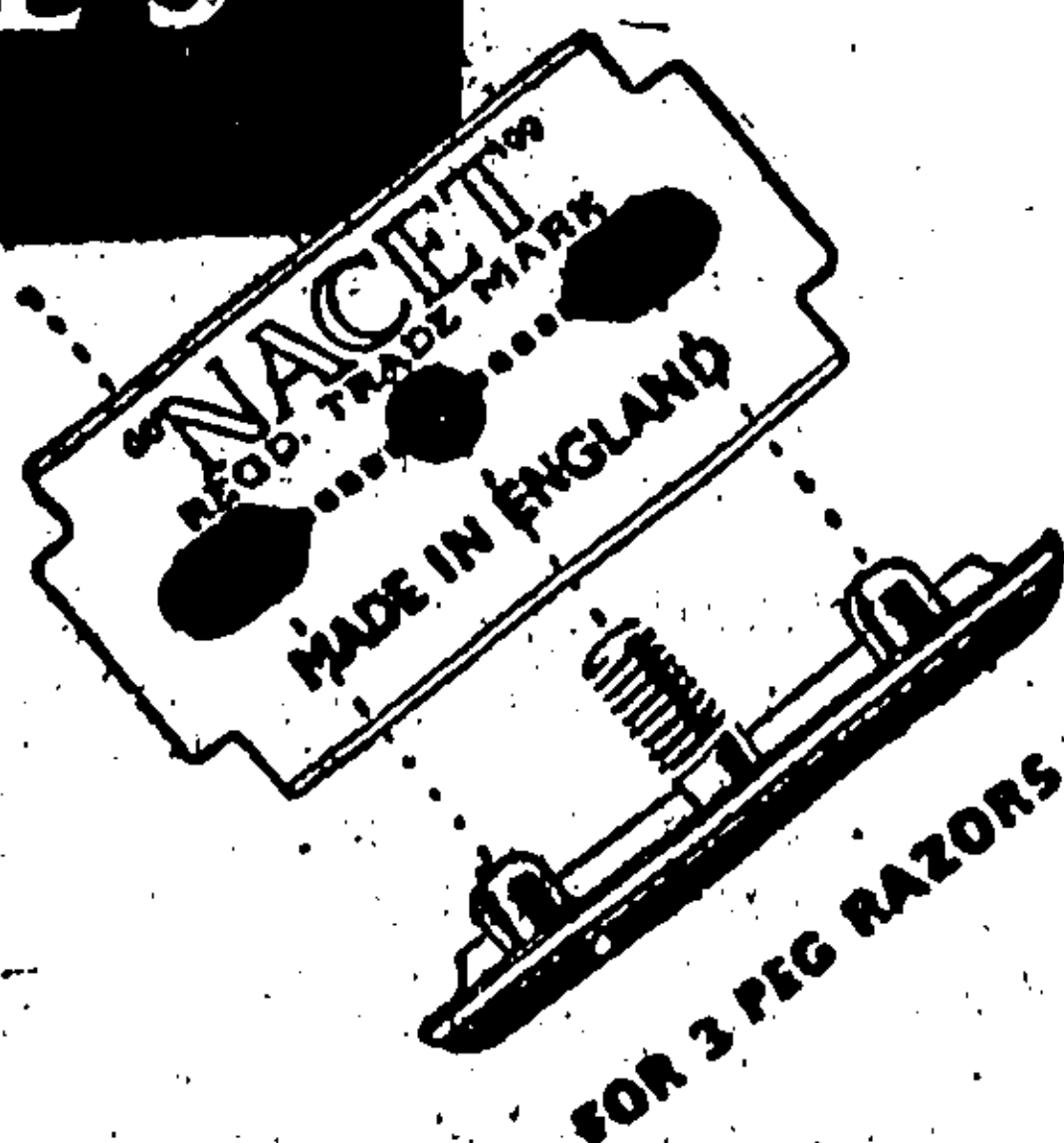
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## HE FLEW WITH GOERING: NOW FIGHTS WITH R.A.F.

(By An Athens Correspondent)

**A GERMAN PILOT WHO FLEW WITH GOERING IN RICHTOFEN'S "CIRCUS" DURING THE LAST WAR IS NOW FIGHTING FOR BRITAIN — IN THE R.A.F.**

He is now in Greece, and is regarded as the cleverest mechanic in the Middle East.

The man belongs to an R.A.F. unit whose orders until recently were all written in German, with English and Hebrew translations attached to them.

The men, with many Palestine Jews, are mostly refugees from Hitler's Reich.

Although they know enough English now not to need any other language, they still speak German among themselves.

To-day I visited the air stores park where they work, and their words sounded odd indeed, coming from men in R.A.F. uniform.

### "Our Home"

"When the war is over and we have won and Hitler no longer rules, will you go back to Germany?" I asked.

"No, we won't," came their reply. "Some of the older people want to return, but we won't."

"Palestine is our home," said one who had been in a concentration camp.

One of them showed me round the stores park. He explained that it was here, under the shade of the trees, giving perfect cover from air observation, that are kept large quantities of each one of those ten thousand spare parts

which one single plane requires in reserve.

They range from engines and wings down to tiny strips and angles of metal looking like parts of boys' engineering toys.

I asked: "Do you distinguish between fighting Germany and fighting Hitler?"

He replied slowly: "We'd like to but—we can't."

## "HELP YOURSELF TO WOOD" SCHEME FOR LONDON

**FOUR THOUSAND NOTICES**, telling householders to help themselves to firewood, are being printed. In a few days they will be displayed on demolition sites all over London, writes a correspondent.

This is being done because the public are slow to realise that free firewood is available at the scene of many bomb-demolished buildings.

"Large quantities of firewood from wrecked buildings are handed over to charitable organisations for free distribution," said an official of the London County Council.

"In addition, firms are buying firewood from our central dumps. But not many private individuals are taking wood away from the sites, and it is hoped that these notices will encourage them to do so."

### Complaints Made

Meanwhile, complaints have reached the "Evening Standard" that wood which might be used for household fuel is being burned by demolition squads. Lady Keyes, widow of Brigadier-General Sir Terrence Geyes, writes that in a certain London district wood from the debris of bombed houses has been burned daily for months by the salvage authorities.

## COMMUNIST AGENTS ARE ALL WOMEN

French police, who are trying to stamp out increasing Communist activities throughout the Vichy territory, have found in Lyons the headquarters of an organisation composed of Polish women Communists.

The women are said to have organised a network of propaganda agents all over France, including the part under German control.

Their organisation is known as the "Elsa Group" but, although some of them have been arrested and questioned, police have not been able to trace the mysterious Elsa, who is presumed to be their leader.

Members of the group appear to work independently, travelling from town to town distributing propaganda and money for bribing officials.

Propaganda from other Communist groups has also been traced to Lyons. Railwaymen, carry leaflets from there to towns along the lines. Postmen deliver bundles of propaganda to active party members, who then continue the distribution from house to house or scatter leaflets in crowded streets.

## DIVORCES OVER POLITICS

The Norwegian divorce statutes are being altered to facilitate decrees nisi for couples with divergent political views.

If a mother's political views are not in the "right direction" the children are to be entrusted to the father's care. Many petitions have already been filed on the ground of political incompatibility.

With a view to compelling unemployed to travel to Germany for work, the Quisling Government is withdrawing the dole from those refusing to travel. Many Norwegian girls have been enrolled for domestic service in the Reich.

## WAGNER THEORY A SHOCK FOR NAZIS

Much interest has been aroused in New York by an appendix which the British musical authority, Mr. Ernest Newman, has added to the third volume of the American edition of his life of Richard Wagner. He expresses the opinion that there is now overwhelming evidence in support of the theory that Wagner's father was Ludwig Greyer.

Geyer, the "New York Times" points out, had Jewish blood—and Wagner has been claimed by the Nazis as the high priest of their racial doctrines.

Wagner's paternity has for years been a source of controversy. He was born in Leipzig in 1813, and six months later his mother was left a widow. The following year she married Ludwig Geyer, a friend of her former husband, and an actor, playwright and amateur portrait painter.

"There are many poor homes where wood fires would bring comfort in this bitter weather," she adds.

"After telephoning for permission to the L.C.C., who told me to apply to the foreman of a salvage gang, I collected on one occasion eight sacks full of wood, and I could have collected eight sacks a day since October."

### L.C.C. Reply

I referred these complaints about the useless burning of firewood to the L.C.C.

"No first-class wood is burned," I was told.

"It must be remembered that a certain amount of useless or dirty wood has to be burned. Also, for the comfort of those working on the site, a fire is necessary."

"All first-class wood which can be used in rebuilding or for fuel is taken to special dumps."



# CHINA MAIL

## WHEN THE WAR IS OVER

A nation engaged in desperate war is naturally reluctant to speak of any aim beyond that of victory. Mr. Winston Churchill has several times rejected the invitations of different members of the House of Commons for a statement of peace aims. For the British Government to try at this time to outline specifically the shape of things to come would be an impractical diversion from the matter in hand.

Individuals, however, can see straws in the wind which fill them with exalted hope. It is of striking interest when a neutral commentator offers comparison between the New Order offered by Hitler and that which will arise from a British victory. Meantime, the unity of purpose which is knitting the English-speaking lands ever more closely together, becoming apparent in proportion as the struggle grows in intensity, betokens a secure future when victory is gained. Another hint of the greater civilisation to come is the almost incredible fortitude shown by the bombed English hero-in-the-street. It proves as nothing else could that although brick and steel may crumble, free minds have greater strength than these.

There is at the same time increased turning to religion and firm support for the basis of the Rev. J. E. Wittenbach's argument that spiritual light is a necessary preliminary armament against the new paganism.

According to accounts from England, the majority of the British people have already risen high enough in mental altitude to have no desire for revenge after the war. When hostilities cease, it is fairly to be expected that this enlightened outlook will help bring about a settlement based on sincere striving towards justice and self-government for all.

Many people remember too well the reaction from the first World War. The jazzy living, the reckless spending, the cynicism, the loosening of moral standards. It is possible, however, that some false states of society which were ushered in by the last war may be ushered out by this one. Yet even Britain's triumph will entail a further challenge, a call for higher living and thinking. For beyond the necessity of turning back



THEY DIED FOR PRESTIGE

# Buying The "Voice" A Drink

He is not too tall. His body is thin and spare; a bundle of nervous energy when he talks in the mess.

He seems to chain-smoke, though every time his hand goes to his mouth he does not draw at the cigarette between the long fingers of his lean, decisive hand.

More often than not, the action is the preliminary to an unconscious smooching of the beginnings of a moustache.

If there is a single ribbon beneath the wings he wears it will probably be that of the D.F.C.

The job he is doing carries the rank of Squadron Leader; but it is more than likely that he held the rank before he took on the job, held it when he led his squadron into the melee above Dunkirk.

And if it was not at Dunkirk, it was on the Scottish and North East coasts, where the first raiders were met and sent about their business, that he learned to inspire confidence.

## Still "In The Air"

To-day, the job he is doing is on the ground; but, despite the apparent paradox, he is still in the air.

No fighter pilot flies without him, and the comforting knowledge that he exists to be talked to and listened to.

What is more, no fighter pilot can fly without him and the organisation he stands for, if that fighter is to do his job properly with the minimum of effect and the maximum of despatch.

They call him "Controller." At least, that is his official title.

But more often than not he is only thought of as a voice-breaking in upon the solitude and chattering noises of a Spitfire or Hurricane cockpit, six and seven miles above the earth, where nothing can be seen below but the apparently interminable snowfield that is the sun-swept tops of cloud-banks.

## Terse, But Friendly

His remarks, when they are heard in the wireless earphones

aggression and barbarity, lies the task of so establishing the brotherhood of man that peace will endure.

built into the pilot's flying helmet are to lead to the point, but they give confidence and a feeling of friendliness in a lonely world.

The nervous mannerisms which accompany them in the mess are missing and instead there is power and ability and the knowledge that comes from experience.

Only concise orders "Fly on this course at that height"—are given, and the system by which they are transmitted is economical of time and effort at understanding.

But the pilot knows and understands and would not have it otherwise. It is the knowledge that the voice is there that matters to him, not the opportunity for conversation.

They are picked men to whom thinking in terms of air conditions is first nature; men who have a sixth sense when it comes to knowing just when and where the interception of a raiding bomber should take place so that the battle can be joined.

## Link With Observers

Their knowledge of navigation is quick and accurate. It has to be.

In their hands alone lie the interpretation of the probable direction that will be taken by a raider, reported by the chain of observer posts.

Will he turn left or right? is the question perpetually in their minds while they work and send the fighters off on a carefully calculated course and at a speed and height that should make hunter and hunted meet even though cloud obscures the sky.

They sit in a control-room at fighter stations, a room so constructed and protected from bombs that someone once irreverently referred to one as a "padded cell."

That was a misnomer, since, though the control room is the nerve-centre of fighter operations, there is never pandemonium.

Instead, there is an atmosphere of competency as facts about the weather and visibility and all the many routine matters that go to putting a fighter pilot into the air and bringing him down again, are gathered in.

Together they make a picture of the situation for the Controller, so that the few crisp words he

will talk into his radio telephone to the pilot he is directing will be accurate and effective.

## Always Watching

The pilot has to rely on those words, not just to make his own contact with the enemy, but for his own safety.

After twisting and turning in a dog-fight above the clouds he may not be sure of his whereabouts.

Without the controller to watch his every move and be ready to guide him home after the battle he will be lost, perhaps run out of petrol or fly into the side of a hill as he comes down through cloud.

He may have engine failure and have to force-land hurriedly, or as has happened more than once, he may be shot down over the sea and have to bale out beyond sight of watchers on the coast.

His only hope of being found quickly is to describe his plight into his microphone as his last act before leaving his machine.

It is then the speed with which the listening controller can put the rescue arrangements into operation that matters.

Not so long ago a young pilot was picked up out of the sea by a motor-boat speedily dispatched in this way.

When he walked into the mess the next day it was some moments before anyone noticed him.

Then the controller who had been on duty when he was shot down caught sight of him.

## Just A Drink

"Hallo, you're back! Dry yet?" was his greeting. "More or less," came the answer as the Controller put his finger on a bell and made a suggestion about a sherry which called forth a protest: "No sir. This one's on me."

"Why?" The question came quickly and a trifle too obviously. There was a hint of more than natural surprise in it.

"Well, sir, I rather thought... I mean, sir, it's my turn," the pilot managed after a pause in which they did not eye one another.

"That's different," the Controller said.

Then abruptly and a little fiercely: "Perhaps it'll teach you not to put the fear of God into me another time!"

# Ships For Trade

The destruction of merchant shipping since the war opened, whether by ordinary marine casualty on by U-boat, mine, bombing aeroplane or raider, has reached a total of upwards of 5,000,000 tons. Those ships were engaged in carrying the trade of the producers and consumers of the world for shipping is an international industry; whoever pays the freight, as fixed by competition, has the call on cargo space, irrespective of the flag of the ship.

It is not only British shipping which has been destroyed in the war at sea, but shipping under the flag of Norway, Holland, France, Greece, Sweden, Poland,

By

Sir Archibald Hurd

Belgium, Estonia, Panama, Finland, Portugal and Spain. Even the merchant navy of Japan has suffered some loss, while the Germans and Italians have scuttled nearly one hundred of their own vessels of 460,000 tons in order that they might not be captured.

There is a shortage of shipping. Little tonnage is being built on the Continent of Europe, the cockpit of the war. So the immediate task of making good the loss of shipping falls to the shipbuilders of the British Isles, the United States and Japan. In the last year of peace, the shipyards of the United States had an output of only 168,000 tons, while those of Japan were responsible for 442,000 tons, a total of about 600,000 tons. The Japanese shipbuilders may maintain their peacetime rate of building though they are suffering from a lack of material, and the Americans will certainly greatly increase theirs. It may be estimated that these two countries will put into the water in the coming year not more than one million tons, towards the replacement of the four million tons to which I have referred.

The building of merchant ships is of the first military purpose to the British people since they live in an island and are more dependent on overseas supplies than any other people. British shipyards were never so busy as today. The craftsmen are going to it with a will. There has been no talk of strikes. Work goes on smoothly and swiftly, though the "black-out" creates lighting difficulties, and there are air raids.

Every shipbuilding establishment is necessarily on the coast with one side open to the sea. It can therefore be subjected to surprise attack not only by men-of-war but by bombs from the air. The shipbuilders in the British Isles are now in the front line of the war. At any moment, in the absence of vigilant defence, aeroplanes may swoop in from the sea and bomb or machine-gun the workers and then disappear.

These shipbuilders are reinforcing the British Fleet and are replacing the merchant tonnage which has been sunk by U-boat, mine and aeroplane. Their task is one of unparalleled proportions.

In the unhappy conditions which now prevail the main burden of maintaining this international transport industry rests on the craftsmen of the shipyards of the British Isles. Though the ships they send to sea will fly the British flag, they will be used for the carriage of the goods of all the world. If they failed, not only would the trade of the British people be reduced in volume, but other peoples would not be able to reach the best market in which to sell their produce. So these British shipbuilders are engaged in very necessary tasks in the ultimate interest of everyone everywhere.

It would be a world disaster if the shipping which is now being sunk were not replaced in the shortest possible time. Cargoes all over the world could not be carried to those who want them and, therefore, the producers of the goods would be without the means of living. Want, if not starvation, would be the lot of millions of people in both hemispheres who have no wish but to live peacefully and usefully, working hard in producing the things which other nations, less blessed by nature, urgently require.





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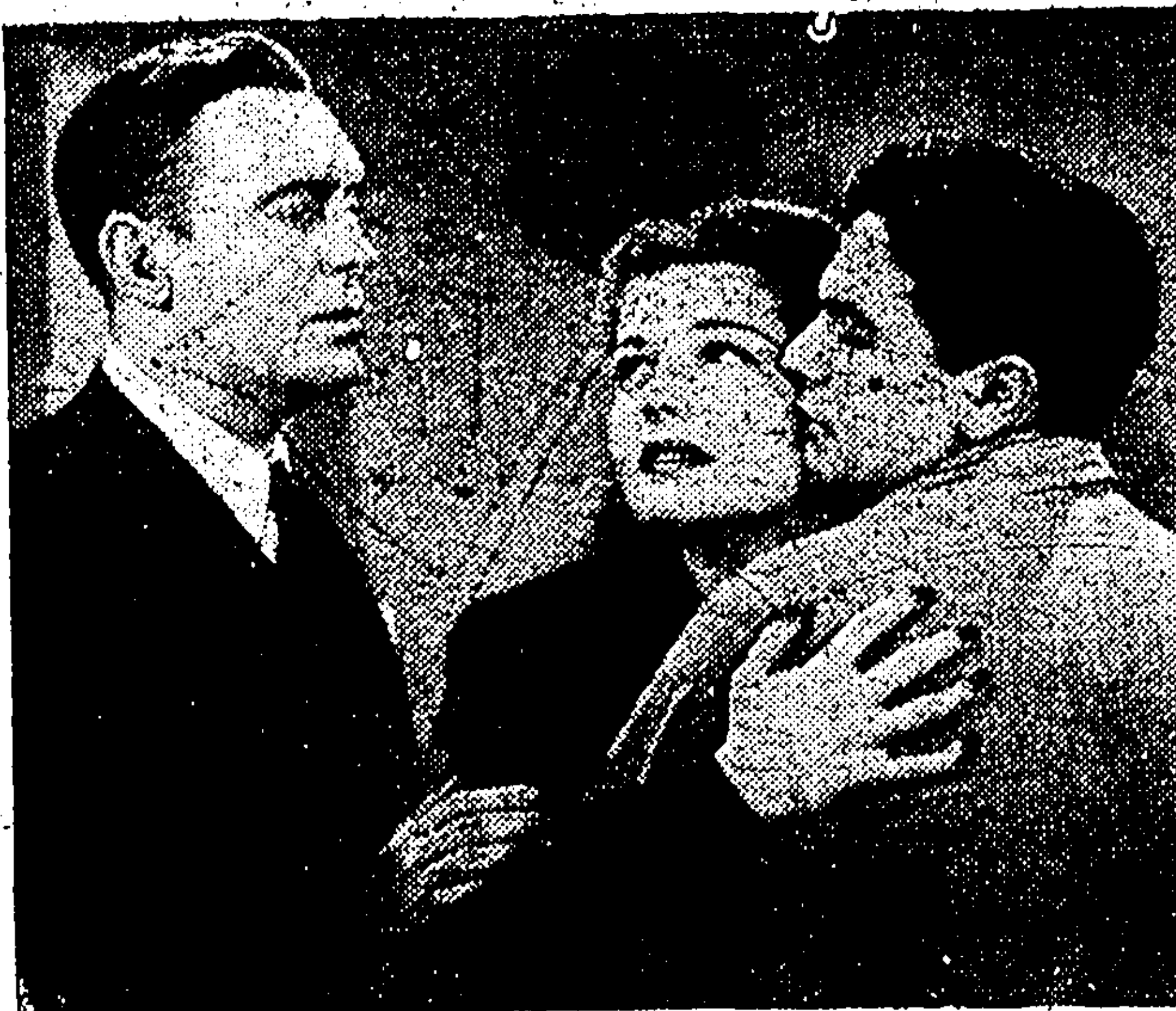
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### PILOTS OF R.A.F. TEST VITAMINS

Better Night Sight

A written Parliamentary answer revealed that experiments are being made to determine the value of a Vitamin A product to R.A.F. men engaged on night flying.

R.A.F. night fighter pilots are so intent on improving their efficiency that some subject themselves to what amounts to a special form of training.

This includes accustoming themselves to darkness by practice and a diet rich in the vitamins which, medical workers say, influence keenness of night sight.

Physiological experiments have confirmed that shortage of one particular vitamin leads to a deterioration in the powers of seeing in the dark. Medical men reserve their opinion, however, on whether these powers can be improved by feeding a person with a diet rich in this vitamin.

R.A.F. night fighting pilots are not waiting for a decision, but are trying everything that holds out a chance of helping them to spot the enemy.

### MR. EDEN'S PLEA NOT TO SHOOT!

Nazi propaganda showed itself more than usually imaginative in a message which Goebbels has disseminated for German consumption.

It was: "An attempt was made on the life of Mr. Eden, English War Minister, when he opened the Czech Institute in London yesterday."

From Goebbels's point of view the canard had quite a useful basis. Rising to speak at the function, and becoming immediately the target of a dozen flashlights and huge arc lamps which almost blinded him, Mr. Eden pleaded, "Don't shoot, please."

The incident was cabled to some American papers by their representatives in London. At once it was seized upon by German correspondents in New York and passed on to Berlin, where Goebbels saw in it an opportunity not to be missed.

No doubt it was deemed more impressive to call Mr. Eden "War Minister," though he has been Foreign Secretary for some weeks.

## 60-SECOND HERO

Out of the meagre news that filters through to Nairobi from the war against the Italians on the Abyssinian border comes this story of the bravery of a young officer of the Royal Engineers.

Gold Coast troops, South Africans, King's African Rifles, armoured cars, tanks and planes were attacking an advanced base of the Italian position at El Wak.

At a critical stage of the fight a Bangalore torpedo was accidentally dropped among a platoon which was moving up.

### Unnamed

The impact set the fuse going. It was timed to explode the bomb in sixty seconds.

The young officer dashed up to it as the men scattered. He picked it up, ran with it to the Italian defences, laid it at the foot of the wire, then doubled back.

He had covered only a few yards when the torpedo went off. It blew a gaping hole in the wire, hurled him to the ground.

But he escaped without a scratch, and none of his men was injured.

Only one thing is lacking from the story — the hero's name. It is not given in the official report.

(A "Bangalore torpedo" is a tube about 2 ins. thick and twenty or thirty feet long. Filled with explosive, it is usually carried by two men and pushed under barbed wire entanglements and exploded. Its name originates from Bangalore, in Madras, engineering depot of the Indian Army).

### ABSOLUTELY IS THE WORD

Many parts of Germany have a very harsh winter, with the temperature often ten degrees below freezing point.—*Geography* book.

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# GERMAN AIR LULL DUE TO BAD WEATHER

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

THE GREAT IMPORTANCE of the recent series of offensive sweeps by the R.A.F. over north-western France is emphasised in British air circles. At present the French side of the English Channel is "no man's air." Britain sends aircraft over the area in wide sweeps to make sudden attacks and then return home.

It is thought possible that the Germans will try the same tactics on the British side of the Channel. Britain claims no more than that the R.A.F. is systematically making bombing raids and that vital successes have been scored.

One of the new methods of attacking night raiders has just been disclosed. British night-fighters hover above the enemy's air bases in France shortly before the time when German planes are expected to return from their night offensives on Britain. They attack the enemy planes when they are about to land, making a good target in landing flares. This method also protects the attacking planes, since the raiders are between them and the ground defences. The bombing of runways is another method of making life difficult for German pilots returning from a raid.

## Three Messerschmitts Downed

By day fighter forces have made similar raids. In a recent sweep three Messerschmitt 109s were shot down and another damaged. On another occasion fighters escorted a squadron of bombers in a raid on Calais docks, which were hit and damaged. Few enemy fighters appeared and the only opposition was from anti-aircraft batteries.

On a larger scale was a raid by many bombers escorted by well over 100 British fighters. The targets were docks at Boulogne. Barges moored alongside quays were attacked and three enemy fighters were destroyed by Spitfires and Hurricanes. This does not mean, however, that Britain is immediately passing to the offensive across the channel. That would be exaggerated in view of the relatively small development of the attacks.

The modest opinion prevails in London, too, that the big winter lull in the Nazi air activity has been due to the bad weather, and not the lack of hitting power of the Luftwaffe. No strategic or tactical considerations are involved. Not only were the aerodromes of northern France unserviceable due to snow, flood and fog, but the actual flying weather made systematic action impracticable.

## Severe Gales And Snow

The importance of the weather must be considered in all its bearings. The mere fact that it is a fine day or clear night in one particular place does not guarantee good operational weather elsewhere. Britain and Europe generally experienced a great deal of snow during the winter, together with severe gales. In addition to these local conditions over either the aerodromes or targets concerned created an enforced lull.

The weather, and not policy, determined the respite. It was not a recurrence of the lull which presaged the German drives on Paris. It did not hide the details of the preparations of a new and terrific offensive although it undoubtedly hid the wastage in craft and crews. The German air force suffered heavy casualties as a result of the weather, and greater caution was exercised.

During the bad weather, also, a number of German units were sent back to the Reich for overhaul and, perhaps, rearmouring, including the fitting of armour plates for the protection of pilots. The lull was a time to "make and mend," rather than a strategic preparation.

So much for the winter months. In making their spring and summer plans, it must be known that the German commanders have above all to consider the failure of the day bomber.

In August and September, 1939, the German Luftwaffe had great success against countries without organised air defences and adequate fighter forces. An immense air superiority was speedily established in Poland. Fighter opposition was quickly overcome. The Germans had the air to themselves and day bombers met with little opposition.

The same thing happened in France, although the achievement was more difficult. France had larger forces than Poland and Britain had a fighter force there which fought itself to a standstill. Yet numerical superiority and weight of material finally achieved supremacy in the air.

## German Lesson At Dunkirk

At Dunkirk the Germans learned what the position would be when they opposed a fighter force of sufficient size with good equipment. They suffered heavy losses at Dunkirk, and in the following period Britain was able to repair and replace wastage, so that when the Battle over Britain started the fighter force was in good shape. The Germans came up against a force of excellent quality on familiar territory with all the facilities essential to its operation.

From this it seems clear that the day of day bombers has gone, at any rate when it is used as an independent weapon of attack. It may still have its uses in land-fighting at short range when protected by fighters.

It must return to the part to which the Germans originally allocated it, that is, for cooperation with a land army. The increasing efficiency of the offensive and defensive measures against night bombers, and the extinction of day bombers as an important threat to British cities mark two noteworthy developments in air strategy and demonstrate that the Luftwaffe loses much of its power and prestige once it meets with real opposition.

## ONE-SIXTH OF ONE PER CENT

As an indication of the result of air raids over England it is interesting to quote some statistics recently revealed at a Board meeting of one of the largest building societies.

Their activities cover a large part of the British Isles. Of the 300,000 properties on their books a careful check-up revealed that 480 buildings were destroyed, 2,000 were badly damaged but repairable.

7,000 were slightly damaged—windows broken, doors blown in or tiles broken.

Thus the total damage has been less than 3 per cent, while destruction has been only one-sixth of one per cent.

## STATE PAPERS FOUND IN STREET

IMPORTANT PAPERS BELONGING TO A FOREIGN POWER WERE FOUND IN THE STREET AND HANDED TO THE POLICE BY A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOPBREAKING AT MARLBOROUGH STREET POLICE COURT, LONDON.

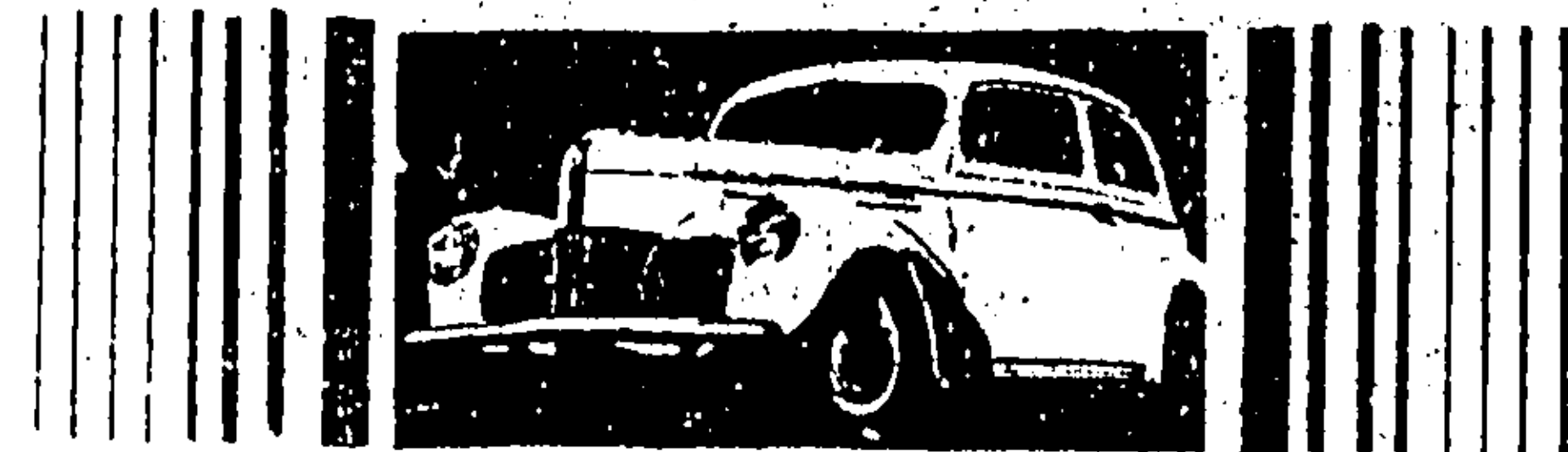
This was revealed when Nathan Bryer, motor driver of Union Street, Dunstable, was about to be committed for trial on charges of being concerned with another man, who escaped, in breaking into a costumer's shop in Berwick Street, Oxford Street, and stealing clothing.

Detective-Sergeant Massey said that recently Bryer took to Marlborough Street Police Station a suitcase he had found in the street.

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1 Pair Binoculars.  
1 Bath Room Scale.  
1 Bicycle.

On View from Thursday, the 20th March, 1941.

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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than 'six' and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,  
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The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him; and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax; for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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## Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY!  
NO. 35.

## By The Four Aces:

An unusual crime is presented to-day for Bridge criminologists:

South, Dealer  
East-West vulnerable  
♠ Q 9 8 3  
♥ J  
♦ A 10 9 4  
♣ J 10 9 8  
♠ 6 5 2  
♥ 9 8 4 3  
♦ J  
♣ A K 6 3 2  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♠ A 10 7 4  
♥ 5  
♦ K 8 6 5  
♣ Q 7 4  
♠ K J  
♥ A K Q 10 7 6 2  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ 5

## The bidding:

| South | West | North | East   |
|-------|------|-------|--------|
| 1♥    | 2♣   | Dbl.  | Redbl. |
| 2♥    | Pass | Pass  | 3♦     |
| 3♥    | Pass | Pass  | Pass   |

West opened the Jack of diamonds, dummy played low and East won with the King of diamonds. West ruffed the diamond return and led a spade to East's Ace, thus enabling East to give him another diamond ruff. The King of clubs then won the setting trick.

If you are a real sleuth, you'll be horrified at the crimes committed in this hand. See if you can discover them for yourself before reading on.

Of course South should have made his contract by winning the first trick with the diamond Ace and drawing trumps. But that was the least of the crimes! To begin with, West deserved ten years at hard labour for making the two-club vulnerable overall with his miserable hand. The

West cards were good for about three or four tricks, yet he made a bid which promised to take eight tricks!

North's double was a trifle light, and East's redouble was questionable, but not really criminal; and South's decision to bid two hearts was perfectly proper even though skillful defence would beat the two-club contract. But South's bid of three hearts was simply outrageous — meriting capital punishment at the very least! He should have let the bid get around to North — who would have doubled for penalties. Three diamonds would be set three or four tricks, and even a rescue at four clubs would run into an 800-point penalty. Perhaps North should have bid four hearts (which could have been made); but South's unwillingness to penalise the opponents indicated that he had little top-card strength.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 3 2  
♥ K 7 4  
♦ A 5  
♣ A J 9 6

## The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenken | You | Maler |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| Pass   | Pass     | 1♣  | Pass  |
| 1♠     | Pass     | (?) | Pass  |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Since your opening bid is a sound one, you cannot pass partner's one-over-one response. Your best rebid, since you have spade support, is to confirm the suit by a simple raise.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 669

To-day you are Merwin Maler's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9 6  
♥ 7 3 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ A K 10 4

## The bidding:

| Maler | Jacoby | You | Schenken |
|-------|--------|-----|----------|
| Pass  | Pass   | (?) | Pass     |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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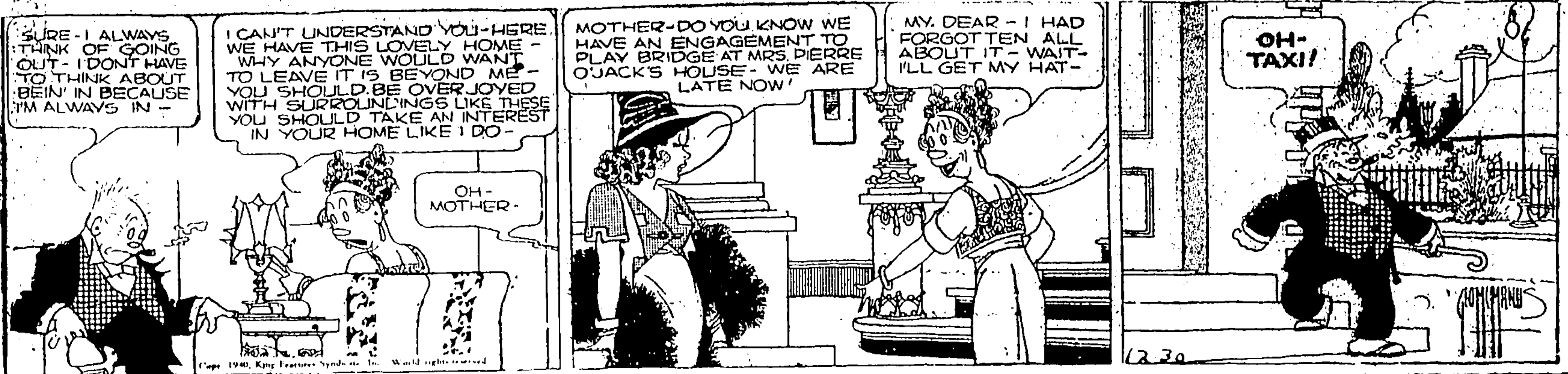
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Sun Glasses Of Quality

Many outdoor sports call for the use of sunglasses and even women who do not embrace sports must wear them to protect eyes from the sun or water's glare.

But sun glasses should be worn only when you are in the bright sun and should never be used for night driving or for house wear, warns a prominent New York eye physician, and only ground and polished glasses should be worn.

"There are so many different types of sun glasses sold," he writes, "that it is easily understood why women are in a dilemma.

"Inferior quality sun glasses, made from celluloid, poor blown or pressed glass, will add irregular astigmatism, myopia, hyperopia, or prismatic imbalance to the refractive mechanism of the eye. Consequently, they only increase the strain produced by the sun's glare. The best advice about buying is to buy your sun glasses from a reputable optician and insist upon good quality ground and polished protection lenses, and if your eyesight is poor, have the glasses ground with your correct distance prescription."

### About Night Driving

It seems that many women like to wear sun glasses at night when driving a car, but according to this same authority, such practice is dangerous.

"Sun glasses are designed for day wear and should not be worn for night driving as they lower



Eyesight is protected and wrinkles avoided by wearing good quality glasses to cut the sun glare.

the visibility too much. Up to the glare of auto headlights and still day wear and should not be worn time of writing, no glass has been made which will overcome the

### Are Sun-Glasses Habit-Forming?

We have heard considerable criticism of sun glasses to the effect that they become habit-forming. Just what is meant by habit-forming is not clear. Certainly they will not cause an atrophy of the colour sense, however, if worn unnecessarily and continuously, they may lower one's tolerance to light and instigate a discomfort in moderate illumination.

In buying a sun glass, remember that all good quality, absorptive and sun lenses on the market are of value, and will serve you for beach and any unusual day brightness. When buying your glasses, step outside and test them. See if you like looking through them and get the degree of darkness which best suits you.



Gold digging Gertie says to her, a man is as big as his pocket-book.

## BUSINESS TALKS IN STREETS AFTER RAID

EXECUTIVES OF some London offices held their morning staff conference at street corners — indicative of the spirit and resolution with which the City got on with the job under difficulties after the immense fire raid destruction.

Not far away were the charred ruins of their former places of business. But they showed that London could get on with it even in such unprecedented circumstances as confronted so many workers.

Others talked things over in a coffee tavern or restaurant, while members of their staffs, chatting in groups on the pavements waited for instructions.

### FIRM TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Yesterday was another satisfactory day on the London Stock Exchange. Gilt-edged securities were hesitant but elsewhere generally the market was firm. Kaffs advanced on Cape and local buying and home rails on further anticipatory buying in connection with next week's Indian stock redemption payments. Among industrials, Courtaulds and Dunlops especially were higher, while oils met more interest and coppers also improved. Wall Street was very quiet.—Reuter.

There were many such scenes near damaged City streets, streets where the destruction did not appear to be so fearsome as the fires had suggested.

At many points departmental chiefs with notebooks and pencils took names and addresses from members of their staffs as they stood at street corners.

### "Mopping Up"

It was a necessary requirement where office records had been destroyed. When the new lists had been completed, staffs were told to go home until things had been tidied up.

The tidying up process went on briskly and efficiently, but there was still a tremendous amount of "mopping-up" to be done.

Here and there a fire still smouldered stubbornly after thirty-six hours incessant pumping of water. But most had been effectively extinguished.

St. Paul's was surrounded by the gaping skeletons of once fine buildings. Along Cheapside buildings had been burned almost to their foundations.

Elsewhere the life of the City had virtually regained its normal brisk tempo.

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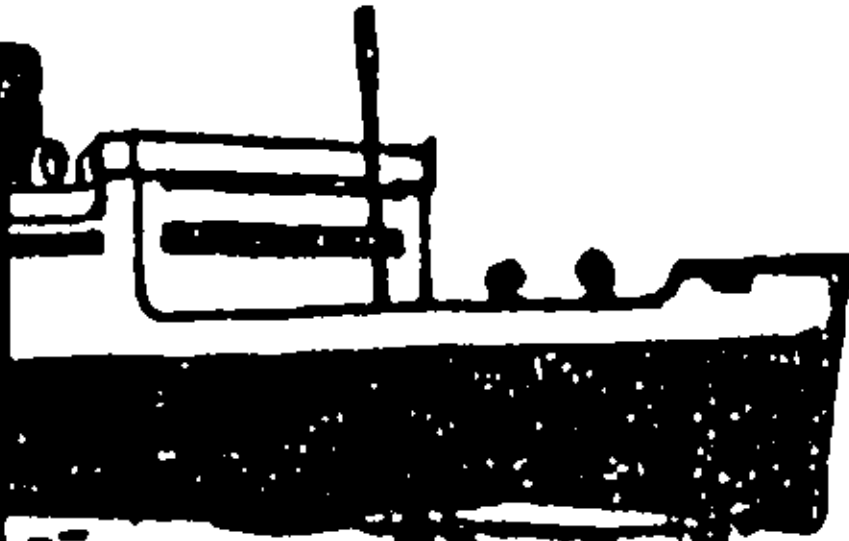
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## RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—A Swing Programme.

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Len Berman, Frances Faye and The Mills Brothers.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Light Russian Programme.

His Dreamy Waltz (arr. Schwartz); Waltz of the Lost Love (arr. Schwartz); Russian Novelty Orch. On The Volga River; Russian Choir. Waltzes—Love of a Gypsy (Schwartz); Greetings of Spring (Schwartz); Russian Novelty Orchestra. Placi tigan, Romantia; Tides pianola, Romantia; Russian singers. Spring Waltz (arr. Schwartz); Waltz Nanette (arr. Schwartz); Russian Novelty Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Variety.

Comedienne—Pass. Shoot. Gail (Damerall & Others); Grace Fields with Orchestra. Banjos—Banjo Favourites. Intro Stein Song; Valencia; Toy Drum Major; Raymonde & His Band of Banjos.

Vocal Burlesque Sonny Boy Jerry Golonna with Fud and His Fuddy Bears.

Mandolines—Spanish Gypsy Medley. Intro Argentina; Barcelona; Lady of Spain. The Romany Mandoline Players.

Comedian—A Bird In A Gilded Cage—A Vocal Burlesque. Jerry Golonna with Fud and His Fuddy Bears.

Piano—Medley. Intro: Chasing Shadows; One night of love, I'll never say "never again" again Len Green with Drums.

Vocal—Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart (Noel & Others); Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

Piano—Medley. Intro: We were so young; Paris in the Spring; Fare thee well, Annabelle; Len Green with Drums.

Vocal—Proud of You (David); Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam; Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

Hawaiian Rose—Medley; Hawaiian Love; Kane's Hawaiians.

Waltz—Chiquita; Ferera and Paaluhl (Hawaiian Guitars).

Samoan Love Song—Hawaiian Novelty (film "Taboo"); Love Song of Tahiti—Hawaiian Novelty (film "Mutiny on the Bounty"); Andy Iona & His Islanders with Vocal Chorus.

Smiling Eyes (Nawahl); King Nawahl's Hawaiians.

Valse Bleue (Margis); Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.

Hawaiian Love Bird (Razaf); King Nawahl's Hawaiians.

Kohala March; Honolulu March; Frank Ferera & John Paaluhl (Hawaiian Guitars).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano).

The Little Dutch Mill (Freed & Barris); Over Somebody Else's Shoulder (Sherman & Lewis); A Letter To My Mother (Gilbert & Nikle); A Boy and a Girl Were Dancing (Gordon & Revel).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Military Band Concert with Dennis Noble (Baritone).

The British Grenadiers (Trad.); Dennis Noble and Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

The Caissons Go Rolling Along (U.S. Field Artillery March); The American Legion Band.

The Empire Is Marching (Grey-Glass); Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

National Emblem—March; The American Legion Band.

The Trumpeter (Barron-Dix); Dennis Noble with Piano acc.

## PEACE MEETING IN LONDON

2,000 Delegates

About 2,000 delegates from all parts of the country attended what was described as the People's Convention in a big London hotel. The object was to initiate a campaign for a People's Government.

The delegates were of all types. Well-dressed intellectuals mingled with young men in flannels, coloured sports coats, picturesque corduroys, polo jerseys and muffers. Indians were numerous. Young women were everywhere, mostly hatless.

The conference hall had its walls plastered with slogans such as: "Soviet Union: the comradeship of the mighty."

All through the day there was an almost unending spate of speech-making, and all along the same lines. More than one speaker was introduced as "Comrade Sam" or "Bill" this or that.

Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., was the "star" speaker at the convention. He complained that the Government was moving steadily towards a general compulsory system of a Fascist pattern. The working people must defeat the attack on their rights.

But the greatest single point, he said, was the achievement of peace. Their policy was to offer to the peoples of the enemy a peace of no annexation, reparations or indemnities, with liberty to all peoples to determine their own destiny.

Hungarian Fantasy (Flgedy). Band of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresia" Regiment.

Song of Liberty (Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 4—A. P. Herbert-Edward Elgar); Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards and Organ.

Post Horn Galop (Koenig); The Royal Artillery Band (Woolwich).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates.

Summertime Suite—Fresh Morning (Pastorale); Noonday Song (Romance); Dance in the Twilight (Valse); Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

The Fairy Tales of Ireland; Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch.

Saxo-Rhapsody; Sigurd Rascher (Saxophone) with Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eric Coates.

A House Love Made for You and Me; Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with "Callo, Oboe and Piano.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—Piano Interlude.

Liszt—Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11; Marcel Clampi.

10.20 p.m.—Vincent Wallace's Opera "Maritana". Characters & Soloists in order of appearance: Maritana; Miriam Licette (Soprano); Don Jose De Santarem; Dennis Noble (Baritone); Lazarillo; Clara Serena (Contralto); Don Caesar de Bazan; Heddie Nash (Tenor); and Grand Opera with Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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## GERMAN DREAD OF FUTURE AIR RAIDS

Wallace Deuel, the Berlin correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," who has returned to the United States, has a special reason for thinking that Berliners are being particularly affected by the R.A.F. bombing raids.

In addition to all other reasons for being disturbed, if no worse, by the raids, Berliners, he writes, had this further reason: they had been officially assured for months that it would be impossible for a single enemy plane to get to Berlin even when the French Air Force was still intact and even when the Allies could start their raids from the Franco-German frontier.

When the R.A.F. alone began to bomb Berlin, therefore, and to do it all the way from England, the disillusionment of the Berliners was great. They perceived they had been lied to about the possibility of being bombed, and were considerably shaken by this alone.

### Other Lies

But they also perceived that if they had been lied to about this question it was also highly probable they had been lied to about other questions—almost of equal importance, and they were even more shaken by this.

The rest of the Reich, too, has been shaken by the British bombing raids, not shaken to a degree which endangers the people's ability or willingness to go on fighting the war, but sufficiently for them to have serious misgivings and, above all, to look forward with dread to the time when the British will be able to bomb the Reich in much greater force.

The amount of damage done to material objectives in the Reich is the most closely guarded of military secrets. No more than a dozen men in the Air Ministry in Berlin know the full extent of it.

### Serious Damage

But this much at least is definitely true: the British have bombed scores of military objectives in various parts of the Reich and the occupied territories, and in some cases this damage is serious, though in no case comparable to the damage the Nazis have done to Britain.

Considerably more important

## ARMS & SILVER CONVOYS FOR ABYSSINIA

(From A Special Correspondent.)

A BRITISH OFFICER gave an Arabic word of command on the dusty outskirts of a little town "somewhere in the Sudan." Little eddies of dust surging round their padding feet, a long column of loaded camels jerked into movement, their backs undulating down the line like the coils of a huge brown sea serpent.

I had seen one of the world's most romantic caravans starting on its perilous way. It was one of the convoys of arms, war materials, and other supplies which for many weeks have been setting out across the Abyssinian frontier.

The convoy I saw, which was escorted by units of the regular frontier force, had a double job. It was escorting across the frontier 100 Abyssinian patriots, vouched for by chiefs inside the country, who had come in to receive arms.

It was also taking in, at the British Mission's request, a big consignment of rifles, hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition, and ponderous boxes of silver dollars to add to the ordnance stores of the patriots which is now being built up in the interior of Abyssinia.

### Issue Of Arms

On the previous night, in a tree-shaded square, I had seen Abyssinians issued with arms. The atmosphere might have been that of a children's giant Christmas party.

Irregulars, chin-bearded members of the Amhara tribe, with battered trilby hats or squat topees, heavy-featured dark

than the material damage caused by the raids, however, is the effect they have had on morale. Lacking long-range bombers, remote from important objectives and outnumbered by three to one, the R.A.F. has nevertheless already made itself felt to a degree which is amazing under the circumstances.

For the rest, however, concludes Deuel, conditions inside Germany can afford only the coldest comfort to the Reich's enemies. As long as the Nazis can maintain present conditions in the country there can be little or no reason to expect the German people to collapse.

After describing Germany's internal strength, Deuel insists that if Britain fights hard enough and gets enough help from the United States Germany can be beaten.

Gallas, and light-skinned members of the Gumuz frontier tribe, were lined up into smiling ranks as if for a Sir Roger de Coverley.

Behind them were the "present," yet unopened—rows of boxes of English and Italian ammunition.

The men had already been given rifles, and they were now lining up to receive rounds of ammunition in canvas bandollers and a green slung canvas satchel about the size of a girl's large handbag, which is supposed to hold bullets or food.

As each got his share he returned to his place in the ranks, gravely telling his comrades the number of rounds with his fingers. Only when he had assured himself that the number was correct did a new and beatific grin break over his face.

### Empress Coins

Hardly less important than the supplies of arms going in are those of the great silver dollars bearing the head of the Empress Maria Theresa of Austria and the date 1780, which have been Abyssinian currency since the end of the 13th century.

When the Italians occupied Abyssinia they so debased the dollars that they now contain practically no silver. The Abyssinians, who often melt down the coins to make ornaments, soon discovered that the Italian variety were good for nothing. The honest silver of the British minted dollars now pouring in is certain to have a powerful effect.

I also watched to-day Emperor Haile Selassie holding a formal review of one of the units of the future regular Abyssinian army, whose foundations are being rapidly laid here.

The Crown Prince, a slight figure on a white horse, rode at the head of the marching ranks of men on the sandy parade ground.

There was a particular significance about this review: some of the troops were seeing their Emperor for the last time before they moved off to join the active operations in the heart of Abyssinia.

The unit I saw—it was the Third Ethiopian Refugee Battalion—was composed of men who have all seen hard service. At their head marched a detachment of the former Imperial Guard, the Emperor's crack regiment in the Abyssinian war.

After making a last desperate stand against the Italians in 1936, they escaped to British Somaliland. When the Italians conquered this territory they again succeeded in eluding the enemy.

Behind them were warriors who had grimly resisted the Italians in the four years of guerrilla war which followed the capture of Addis Ababa. They only left their tortured country when told that the Emperor was near at hand and needed their assistance. There were others who had been conscripted by the Italians and had deserted at the peril of their lives as soon as they heard of the Emperor's arrival.

British officers and N.C.O.s who have been training these troops during the past weeks have been fulfilling to the limit of their powers Britain's promise to help the Abyssinian people in their struggle for freedom. The transformation in the appearance of the units since I first saw it a few months ago is astonishing.

## "MOTHER LONDON" CHOSEN

Ald. Charles Key, M.P.,

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She is Mrs. Creswick Atkinson, and she has already started work as technical adviser to the Ministry of Health on social welfare in large shelters.

With a corps of voluntary workers she will look after the thousands of mothers and children who frequent these shelters and help them to solve their problems.

Mrs. Atkinson was chosen out of more than 200 applicants, one of whom wrote from the Hotel Europa, Lisbon. She was released to do this new job by the Women's Voluntary Services, to which she had been technical adviser since 1938.

She is young-middle-aged—somewhere in the middle forties—was Ald. Key's guess. Her husband is Stoke Newington's chief A.R.P. warden. As the only woman member of Lord Horder's Shelters Health Committee, Mrs. Atkinson has already a wide experience of London's deep shelters.

Here is what Ald. Key had to say about his "Mother London":

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As a sideline Mrs. Atkinson will try to persuade mothers to evacuate their children and send them to school. There are still more than 80,000 children of school age in London, and 60 per cent. of them do not attend school.

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# NEW STAR IN LOCAL TENNIS FIRMAMENT

## Ip Plays Brilliantly To Beat Ho Ka-lau

### PAUL KONG SOON SETTLES DOWN

By "Adrem"

A NEW STAR HAS RISEN IN THE LOCAL TENNIS FIRMAMENT. HE IS K. H. IP, OF SOUTH CHINA, WHO YESTERDAY CAUSED THE FIRST SURPRISE IN THE CURRENT COLONY TENNIS TOURNAMENT BY BEATING THE EXPERIENCED HO KA-LAU, HERO OF MANY A DOUR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, BY THE CONVINCING SCORES OF 6-1, 6-1.

There was no fluke about Ip's win. From the outset he established himself as the better player and he outclassed Ho in practically every phase of the game. Yesterday he concentrated chiefly on a baseline game and his accuracy on both wings, the speed with which he played his strokes,

and his clever counterattack kept his veteran opponent on the run continually.

One of Ip's most useful strokes was a well-disguised drop-shot, which left Ho standing on numerous occasions.

The South China player's fixture with Tsui Yan-pui in the next round should provide one of the finest matches in the tournament and Tsui will be well advised not to take it too easily.

#### Promising Combination

G. Choa and A. V. Remedios, a new combination, showed promising but by no means brilliant form in beating A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong. Choa is playing as well as he was on the last occasion that he appeared in the tournament, while Remedios settled down after a shaky start to produce some fine strokes.

Feature of the match between Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, and T. E. Ling and Frank Kwok was the splendid form of Kong. He was slow to settle down but having done so he proved himself to be easily the finest player on the court.

His partner Fung gave adequate support but was not called upon to do very much.

Ling and Kwok both hit very hard on the forehand but the former appeared to be right out of touch and never gained complete control.

The Agafuroff brothers had a hard fight against Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming but their steadiness enabled them to win in straight sets, although they were given a great fight in the second.

#### TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following are to-day's matches:

**OPEN SINGLES**  
O. Umetani v M. Pagh (5).  
C. S. Lee v A. Crawford (6).

**OPEN DOUBLES**  
Kenneth Lo and Leo Ming (8) v H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (8).

**CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES**  
J. Sterling Lee (-2/6) v E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) (2).  
H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) (7).

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
H. Van Leeuwen v G. W. Sewell (1).  
V. R. Gordon v A. K. Mackenzie (4).

**CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (scr.) v E. H. Brazel and C. P. Charlton (-3/6) (3).

#### ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association will take place at Hong Kong Cricket Club on March 28, at 5.30 p.m.

#### SIGNALS DROP VALUABLE POINT

Royal Corps of Signals dropped a valuable point when they were held to a draw by 7th R.A. at Sookunpoo yesterday, each side scoring once.

#### 12TH R.A. WIN

In the other Third Division match played at Stanley, between 12th R.A. and Royal Engineers, the former won by three goals to one.

Brackenberry for Signals and Clark for Gunners scored the goals.

In a postponed fixture in the Hockey Tournament, Recreio beat Nomads by four clear goals. B. T. Gosano scored in the first half, and R. Marques (1) and Gerry Gosano (2) scored in the second half, to bring the score to four.

### COLONY ATHLETIC MEETING

THE ALL-HONG KONG SCHOOLS AND OPEN COLONY ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING, SPONSORED BY SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT CAROLINE HILL STADIUM, COMMENCING AT 10 A.M., ON MAY 9, 10 AND 11.

The proceeds of the meeting will go to the War Relief Fund.

Following is the official programme for the meeting:

Events open to all schools in the Colony:

**Boys' Senior Events:**—100 Metres, High Hurdles, 400 Metres, Low Hurdles, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, 10,000 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

**Boys' Junior Events:**—80 Metres, High Hurdles, 100, 200 and 400 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (12 pounds), 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,500 Metres.

**Small Boys' Events:**—50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Putt, 400 Metres Relay Race.

**Girls' Senior:**—80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Putt, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball, and 400 Metres Relay Race.

**Girls' Junior:**—50 Metres, 110 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt (8 pounds), Throwing the Baseball and Discus, 400 Metres Relay Race.

**Open Events for the Colony:**—Men's Events:—110 Metres, Hurdles, 400 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

**Ladies' Events:**—80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt (8 pounds), Discus, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball and 400 Metres.

Entries will close on April 24.

### TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's programme of Colony badminton matches:

#### (AT TAIKOO CLUB)

**Men's Singles Junior:**—E. Zimmerman v J. Hooi (8.00 p.m.).

**Men's Doubles Senior:**—K. W. Choy and K. B. Low v J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves, (8.45 p.m.); D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva, (9.15 p.m.).

#### NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

The following is next week's programme of matches in the Hong Kong Badminton Championships, the first of which will take place at Kowloon Cricket Club:

#### MONDAY, MARCH 24 (KOWLOON C.C.)

**Mixed Doubles:**—P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v J. Odell and Miss J. Choa (7 p.m.); P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva (9 p.m.).

**Men's Senior Singles:**—C. Au v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).

**Men's Junior Singles:**—R. M. Lavallee v Peter Lo (9.45 p.m.).

**Men's Senior Doubles:**—S. Ampla-vanar and C. K. Cheah v M. P. and Y. P. Loung (8.15 p.m.).

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 25 (TAIKOO)

**Men's Junior Singles:**—J. Odell v M. Talan (8 p.m.); P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale (8.45 p.m.); D. Chelliah v W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

**Men's Junior Doubles:**—R. M. Lavallee and N. A. Beltrac v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (9.30 p.m.).

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23 (RECREIO)

**Men's Junior Singles:**—H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung (7 p.m.); A. L. Fisher v Peter Lo or R. M. Lavallee (7.45 p.m.); N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.); J. L. Anderson v J. Hooi or E. Zimmerman (9.15 p.m.); E. Gillespie v D. Chelliah or W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

#### MONDAY, MARCH 31 (KOWLOON C.C.)

**Men's Senior Singles:**—W. Gillies v K. W. Choy (7 p.m.); Patrick Wong v (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

### ARMY RECORD EQUALLED AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING

By "Sportshawk"

THE ARMY record for the 220 yards flat race was equalled by Sgt. Manfield, of Royal Air Force, when he returned 22 seconds in the final of the Small Units' Athletic Sports Meeting on the Chat-ham Road ground yesterday afternoon.

A brilliant effort in the anchor lap of the relay by Private Goodair, who closed a long gap on Private Dickens, of Middlesex "C" Company, and then went on to win, gave the 1st Bn. Middlesex "A" Company honours in this event.

The winning quartette of L/Cpl. Cox, Cpl. Seton, Pte. Williams and Pte. Goodair, though not favoured for this event, showed splendid form.

#### Relay Race

Four teams took part in this relay; 1st Bn. Middlesex "A", "B" and "C" Companies and La Salle College "A" team, who, it may be recalled, won the heat for the same event in the Inter-School Sports meet on Tuesday.

Capt. Belton won the javelin event comfortably, beating his nearest rival, L/Sgt. Bedford, by no fewer than 14 feet and 4½ inches, while Signmn. Bennett threw the discus 78 feet and 11½ inches to beat Sgt. Pitt, who came second, by 4 feet and 6 inches and win this event.

The three-mile flat race was a close one. Signmn. Lewis, who led throughout, won the event by only a few yards from L.A.C. Moulton, while Signmn. Lithauer, who came third, was close behind at the finish.

#### RESULTS

100 Yards:—1, Sgt. Manfield (R.A.F.); 2, S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) and 3, Driver Brown (R.A.S.C.). Time: 10 2/3 sec.

High Jump:—1, Signmn. Bennett (Signals); 2, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.); Height: 5 ft. 1 in.

600 Yards:—1, L.A.C. Moulton

(R.A.F.) and 2, Cpl. Palmer (R.A.F.). Time: 2 min. 28 sec.

Putting the Weight:—1, Sgt. Bedford (Signals); 2, Cpl. Maletun (R.A.O.C.) and 3, Capt. Belton. Distance: 35 ft. 2 in.

220 Yards:—1, Sgt. Manfield (R.A.F.); 2, Driver Brown (R.A.S.C.) and 3, Capt. Belton. Time: 22 sec.

Throwing the Hammer:—1, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.) and 2, Signmn. Bennett (Signals). Distance: 77 ft. 7 in.

One Mile:—1, Signmn. Lewis (Signals); 2, L.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.) and 3, Signmn. Lithauer (Signals). Time: 5 min. 25 sec.

Long Jump:—1, Cpl. Morgan (R.A.S.C.). Distance: 18 ft. 10½ in.

Throwing the Javelin:—1, Capt. Belton; 2, L/Sgt. Bedford (Signals) and 3, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.). Distance: 127 ft. 7 in.

Invitation One Mile Medley Relay (880, 220, 220, 440):—1, 1st Bn. Middlesex "A"; 2, 1st Bn. Middlesex "C" and 3, 1st Bn. Middlesex "B". Time: 4 min. 5 4/5 sec.

Throwing the Discus:—1, Signmn. Bennett (Signals); 2, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.) and 3, L/Sgt. Bedford (Signals). Distance: 78 ft. 11½ in.

Three Miles:—1, Signmn. Lewis (Signals); 2, L.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.) and 3, Signmn. Lithauer (Signals). Time: 18 min. 30 sec.

#### FLORRIE FOWLER TO WED

Miss Florence Margaret Fowler, the well-known local lady hockey player, will be married this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral to Mr. W. S. Long, of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., at 4.30 p.m. A reception will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, following the Church ceremony.

### TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

#### OPEN SINGLES

K. H. Ip beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1.

#### OPEN DOUBLES

B. and I. Agafuroff beat Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming 6-2, 6-6.

G. Choa and A. V. Remedios beat A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 6-1.

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui beat F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling 6-4, 6-3.

#### CLUB HANDICAP

T. C. Monaghan beat P. Wynter-Blyth 6-3, 6-3.

### SAPPERS BEAT THE GUNNERS

Royal Engineers accomplished a very creditable performance yesterday in the semi-final of the Large Units Cricket competition, when they beat the powerful Royal Artillery team, in a thrilling game, by 11 runs.

Sappers batted first and, with Tropp, Ratcliffe and Megson batting well, 79 runs were on the board for the loss of only three wickets. Later batsmen did not fare so well, however, and the whole team were out for 128, T. A. Pearce taking 4 for 40 and Barsby 2 for 10.

Gunners lost their first two wickets for four runs but a partnership between T. A. Pearce and H. Plummer then added 70 runs and it appeared any odds on the necessary runs being secured.

Megson and Denyer struck a length, however, and the last six wickets added only 43 runs. Megson took three wickets in his last three overs for four runs to finish with 5 for 40.

#### ROYAL ENGINEERS

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Tropp, run out                    | 13 |
| Ratcliffe, l.b.w., b T. A. Pearce | 28 |
| Megson, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce  | 30 |
| Shaw, c Clague, b Dobbinson       | 10 |
| Freeman, b T. A. Pearce           | 4  |
| Goss, b Barsby                    | 7  |
| Bailey, c Alison, b Barsby        | 3  |
| Pelham, b Ward                    | 12 |
| Holliday, c Barsby, b Plummer     | 15 |
| Samway, not out                   | 5  |
| Extras (NB1)                      | 1  |

Total 128

#### Bowling Analysis

|              | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Plummer      | 6  | 0  | 32 | 1  |
| Clague       | 3  | 0  | 20 | 0  |
| T. A. Pearce | 8  | 0  | 40 | 4  |
| Dobbinson    | 4  | 0  | 17 | 1  |
| Barsby       | 5  | 0  | 10 | 2  |
| Ward         | 2  | 0  | 8  | 1  |

Dobbinson bowled a no ball.

#### ROYAL ARTILLERY

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| Brig. McLeod, c and b Megson             | 3  |
| Lieut. Atkinson, st. b Tropp             | 1  |
| Lieut. T. A. Pearce, b Denyer            | 36 |
| Lieut. Plummer, b Megson                 | 43 |
| Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, l.b.w., b Denyer | 9  |
| Lieut. Clague, l.b.w., b Megson          | 3  |
| Major Temper, not out                    | 7  |
| Capt. Skipwith, c Barsby, b Denyer       | 0  |
| L/Bdr. Barsby, c and b Denyer            | 0  |
| L/Bdr. Dobbinson, l.b.w., b Megson       | 2  |
| L/Bdr. Ward, b Megson                    | 1  |
| Extras (B9, LB1, NB2)                    | 12 |

Total 117

#### Bowling Analysis

|          | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Megson   | 11 | 0  | 40 | 5  |
| Tropp    | 6  | 1  | 13 | 1  |
| Denyer   | 11 | 0  | 46 | 4  |
| Holliday | 2  | 0  | 6  | 0  |

### COTTAGE CLUB'S HUNT

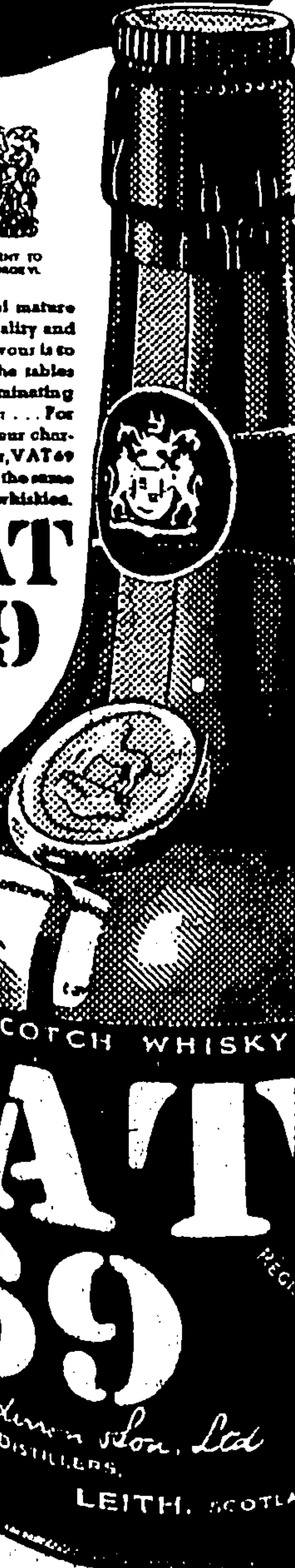
The Cottage Club will hold a paper hunt on Saturday, commencing at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many riders as possible will turn out for this event; details of which will be published later in the week. Ponies will be drawn for in the usual manner.

David Kwok (7.45 p.m.).  
Men's Junior Singles:—T. S. Young v P. A. Yvanovich or H. Dingsdale (10 p.m.).  
Men's Senior Doubles:—M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low or J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (8.30 p.m.).  
Men's Junior Doubles:—C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (9.15 p.m.).

#### LEAGUE GAME OFF

Kowloon Tong received a walk over from Police in the "B" Division of the Badminton League last night when the visitors failed to field a team.

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# SOUTH CHINA WIN FIRST DIVISION SOCCER TITLE

## Chan Tak-fai Scores Three Goals Against Police Losers Play Well In Closing Minutes

By "Referee"

SOUTH CHINA Athletic Association retained the First Division Soccer Championship when at Caroline Hill yesterday they defeated Police in their last League game by 4 goals to 2 after a goalless first half.

In spite of their defeat Police played well and were unfortunate not to score on several occasions. In the very first minute of the second half, Wong Man-kwai missed when well placed and, when Police were two down, Moss had the misfortune to see his shot hit the upright with Tam Kwan-kon hopelessly beaten.

Police were further handicapped by an early injury to Gordon, on the right wing, and though this player continued he was not able to give of his best, though he sent over some good centres in the closing minutes.

In the first half Police played like champions. The forwards were seen in several good movements and both Howlett and Ferrier were prominent while Wong Man-kwai was also dangerous.

Moss found the constant attentions of Tsang Chung-wan troublesome but played much better in the second period.

Tsang Wing, in Police goal, was safe with high shots and played a good game, bringing off some good saves and giving every indication of developing into a first class goalkeeper. Blackburn was again a tower of strength in the defence. He was not spectacular but put in a lot of hard and useful work and covered his halves well. His partner, Chang Kong-yui also did well but was not so safe under pressure and his clearances were, at times, at random.

### Gough Plays Well

Gough covered the centre of the field well and had Lee Wai-tong in close check but this left Chan Tak-fai and Chau Man-chi somewhat freer and the latter was a continual source of danger and worry to the Police defence.

Pope had a hard afternoon against Lee Shek-yau and was continually drawn out of position by Chau Man-chi while North more than held his own against Lee Tak-kee on the right wing.

Gordon, on the right wing, did all that was expected of him following his injury while it was only in the second period that Moss came into the picture on the left wing.

Howlett and Ferrier combined well and in the first half often had the Chinese defence entangled. Howlett showed good ball control but he did not have many chances against the Chinese defenders as Lam Tak-po had him well marked. Ferrier worked hard and with Howlett was the most dangerous of the Police forwards.

Wong Man-kwai had more of the ball but he spoiled many good movements by holding on to it too long while he was not in shooting form.

Lee Wai-tong was seen at his best in the later stages of the game when Police were making a desperate effort to score.

### Chan Man-Chi Schemes Well

The main schemer of the Chinese attack was Chau Man-chi. He showed good footwork and in the second half fed Lee Shek-yau well with long swinging passes and it was from the latter's centres that most of the Chinese goals accrued.

Lee Shek-yau was prominent in the second half but was woefully off form in the first half though he had several chances.

Lau Hing-choy and Lau Chung-sang were the pick of the

intermediate-line as they were always making the best use of the ball and feeding their forwards well. Lam Tak-po was a

great stopper, while behind them Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung were safe. The latter played consistently well while the former was better in the first half.

Tam Kwan-kon did not have very much to do. He brought off a good save in the first half from Moss and generally played an improved game.

### The Scoring

After a scoreless first half, Police were given a great opportunity when Wong Man-kwai found himself in possession and in a favourable position, but shot wide. Play veered to the other end

and Chan Tak-fai fastened to a pass from Lee Shek-yau. He was tackled by three defenders but managed to place the ball out of Tsang Wing's reach. South China were another goal up a few minutes later through Chan Tak-fai and, following good work between Lee Shek-yau and Chau Man-chi, the latter sent in a hard drive which Tsang Wing touched but lumbled—the referee who was nearby adjudged it a goal.

South China were four goals in the lead after 10 minutes play and Chan Tak-fai registered his third goal from a pass from Lee Tak-kee.

South China were not resting on their lead but Police never gave up and Howlett, Wong Man-

kwai and Ferrier were hard-working in the attack.

A goal by Ferrier put life into the Police side in spite of being three goals in arrears and shortly after Moss reduced the lead with a good shot. With less than 10 minutes to go Police played well and went all out but in spite of their efforts were not able to score further.

**SOUTH CHINA**—Tsang Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

**POLICE**—Tsang Wing; Blackburn, Chan Kwon-yu; Pope, Gough, North; Gordon, Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Ferrier, Moss.

*Sig.* Before and after exercise



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# HUMANITARIAN AIM OF BRITISH BLOCKADE

Prof. Noel Hall On Purpose Of Saving Youth

## NO BOMBS ON ENGLAND IN DAYLIGHT

No bombs are reported to have been dropped anywhere on land in Britain during daylight yesterday and no alert was sounded in the evening.

There was some aerial activity over the British coast and in the morning a Dornier 17 was shot down into the North Sea.—  
Reuter.

## KING BORIS CAVORTS WITH NAZIS

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN MILITARY EXERCISES BY GERMAN ARMoured DIVISIONS, ACCORDING TO THE BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY QUOTED IN A SOFIA DISPATCH TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY. King Boris also took part in

## Quickest Way To End The War

"The biggest humanitarian problem in the war, namely to prevent the decimation of the young men of Britain, America and Europe," was how Professor Noel Hall described to Reuter yesterday his mission to Washington as representative of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

This blue-eyed, fair Economics Professor of London University, who since the war has been Joint Director of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, is a firm believer in the theory that the blockade is the most humane method of bringing the war to a victorious conclusion.

He declared: "Europe cannot continue to exist as an economic unit without the use of the waterways in the surrounding oceans."

"If we can get American co-operation to maintain the pressure of blockade, it will save millions of British, American and European lives."

"The neurosis which has troubled Europe since the last Great War was largely due to the selective slaughter of young men."

operations by German air squadrons yesterday when he was accompanied by his brother, Prince Cyril, and the Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff.—  
Reuter.

### Real Effect

"In the role of blockade we are real humanitarians. We prefer neutral nations to cooperate with our policy, instead of having to detain ships for examination."

"We can give inter-nation trading facilities to nations which conform to human, democratic standards."

Professor Hall described the position of the Vichy Government, "potentially an ally under very great pressure from an unscrupulous enemy," as very fluid.

Discussions as regards the admission of supplies from the Americans were proceeding with the United States Government, which had diplomatic representation in France and therefore were better able to judge the situation than the British.—Reuter.

## NEW ANGLO-TURKISH TALKS ON THE BALKANS

(Continued from Page 1)

### Re-Emphasised

Announcing the meeting, a communique issued in Cairo last night stated: "They reviewed various developments in the international situation which have taken place since Mr. Eden's visit to Ankara last month and re-emphasised the complete identity of views which exists between their two Governments."

"Highly satisfactory to both sides," was the description applied in authoritative British quarters in Cairo to the meeting.

In the fortnight since their previous meeting at Ankara, much has happened; it was therefore natural that the Ministers should meet to discuss the progress made.

CYPRUS PAID A WARM WELCOME TO THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS IN WHICH THE GREEK, BRITISH AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES ENTHUSIASTICALLY JOINED IN.

### DR. SARAJOGLU CLARIFIES STAND

"We shall have a common victory. Meanwhile we are rejoicing at your victories as if they were our own," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, to the special correspondent of the Athens newspaper "Ethnos" in Ankara yesterday.

Dr. Sarajoglu added: "The

## STOP PRESS

Greek deeds are magnificent and provide a glorious page in the history of humanity.

"I am optimistic as regards the future and am convinced the results will be good. We shall probably have to go through new trials, but this matters little to our people." In conclusion Dr. Sarajoglu sent "my heartiest greetings to Greece."—  
Reuter.

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MR. QUO TAI-CHI'S WARNING

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## NEW ANGLO-TURKISH TALKS ON THE BALKANS

### VIOLENT RAID ON LONDON

An earlier alert than for some time was sounded in the London area last night, and almost immediately afterwards gunfire was heard.

It was early evident that London was to be the German main objective for night raids.

As planes flew over the capital together the drone of engines was very loud, indicating either low-flying or a larger number of aircraft than usually operate over the capital at one time.

After a lively start the attack gradually grew sharper. Gunfire was extremely heavy and one observer considered it the most intensive this year.

Flashes lit the sky in increasing numbers.

HOUSES IN MORE THAN ONE AREA WERE HIT BY HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS AND RESCUE SQUADS RUSHED TO RELEASE PEOPLE TRAPPED BENEATH WRECKAGE. — REUTER.

### KEREN'S FALL NEARS

Further important positions south of Keren have been captured and Italian counter-attacks have again been repulsed with serious Italian losses, says a communique issued by General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

The situation, the communique says, is developing favourably.

As regards Abyssinia, the communique states that pressure by patriot forces is developing against Debra-Marcos.

Announcing the occupation of Jijiga, the communique adds: "In other sectors our general advance is proceeding."

#### R.A.F. Activity

Activity by the R.A.F. in supporting the military operations in Abyssinia and Somaliland continued unabated yesterday, says an R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

Italian troops around Keren were bombed and machine-gunned. — Reuter.

### Mr. Eden's Flying Trip To Cyprus: Complete Harmony

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, YESTERDAY MET DR. SARAJOGLU, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, IN CYPRUS.

The meeting is the second between the two statesmen in less than three weeks. The previous meeting took place in Ankara, when General Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, conferred with Turkish Ministers and the Army Chief of Staff.

### BRITISH REQUEST OF U.S.

Britain has asked for the use of United States navy yards.

This information was given yesterday by the U.S. Secretary for Navy, Col. Frank Knox, in a statement to the press.

The United States Navy had some facilities which the British might use, he added, but no action had yet been taken in connection with the request, which was made during the past three or four days.

Col. Knox declined to elaborate on the statement beyond the fact that the request had been made.

HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S FIRST AID TO BRITAIN WOULD BE TO SUPPLY LIGHT VESSELS SUCH AS SUBMARINE CHASERS, MOTOR TORPEDO-BOATS AND OTHER VESSELS OF THE "MOSQUITO" TYPE. — REUTER.

### RUMANIAN LANDSLIDE

A LANDSLIDE OCCURRED IN THE BURZAN DISTRICT OF RUMANIA, CENTRE OF THE DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE A FEW WEEKS AGO, STATED A BUCHAREST DESPATCH RECEIVED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY.

As a result of this and previous landslides, the contours of the country have been changed and new hills have been formed while many streams have altered their courses. — Reuter.

### MARTIAL LAW PROLONGED IN TURKEY

The decree concerning martial law in Turkey was unanimously prolonged a further three months at a meeting of the Turkish Grand National Assembly yesterday, states Ankara radio quoted by Reuter.

### American 'Planes In China

Forty American 'planes have arrived in China from the United States, according to a Chinese press report in Shanghai.

The consignment is stated to be part of 100 aircraft for which the Chinese Government had asked the United States.

In addition, the United States is reported to have agreed to sell four "Flying Fortresses" to China, and the Chungking Government hopes to reorganise its air force with American aid.

It is also reported in Shanghai that over 300 Japanese troops were killed at Wuling, in Hupeh Province, when Japanese planes mistakenly bombed their own troops. — Reuter.

### ROOSEVELT HOLIDAY

President Roosevelt was scheduled to leave Washington yesterday on a brief holiday.

He was to embark on the yacht Potomac at an unnamed port in Florida. The yacht will be escorted by two destroyers.

All details of the trip are being kept secret. — Reuter.

### ITALIAN ATTACKS SMASHED

"THE GREEK REPLY TO LOCAL ATTACKS BY ITALIAN TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT ON TUESDAY WAS QUICK AND DRASTIC, ATTACKING DETACHMENTS ALL BEING DRIVEN BACK AND SUSTAINING HEAVY LOSSES."

This statement by the Greek Press Ministry was broadcast by Athens radio last night.

It was stated the attacks were preceded in each case by a fairly heavy artillery barrage. — Reuter.

#### Greek Communique

Last night's Greek High Command communique said that Italian offensive action in the central sector of the Albanian front, supported by tanks, and another minor action in the northern sector, have been repulsed, prisoners taken and three tanks destroyed.

The communique states that a company of Italian attacking forces was cut off and trapped in the converging fire of Greek automatic weapons and artillery, and completely wiped out.

As a result of successful operations the Greeks captured a number of prisoners in the Acos Valley.

All is quiet in the interior of the country. — Reuter.

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## BUT HE DID NOT SAY WHOSE BOUNDARIES

The present negotiations between Germany and Soviet Russia are concerned with boundary adjustments, said the German Foreign Office spokesman in Berlin yesterday.

The spokesman added that the visit of the Soviet Ambassador to the Wilhelmstrasse yesterday was a matter of usual routine.—Reuter.

## ST. LAWRENCE POWER PLAN

A new agreement between the United States and Canada to begin work on the big St. Lawrence navigation and power project, was announced in Washington and Ottawa yesterday.

It will be presented to Congress and the Canadian Parliament simultaneously on Friday.

Immediate objectives are to increase production of the International Rapids section of the river and provide an outlet for shipbuilding facilities in the Great Lakes area. —Reuter.

## FINE WORK OF INDIAN TROOPS

AN OFFICER OF THE INDIAN ARMY WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO NEW DELHI FROM THE MIDDLE EAST THEATRE OF WAR SAID YESTERDAY THAT SOLDIERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES FORMED AN EXCEEDINGLY HIGH OPINION OF THE INDIAN SOLDIER.

Indian officers, such as Garhwals, Baluchis, Mahrattas, Sikhs, Pathans and Madrasis, including men from Dehra Dun and also Viceroy's commissioned officers, all did exceedingly well and compared very favourably with those from other parts of the Empire.—Reuter.

## ENTRY OF JEWS INTO PALESTINE

Mr. G. Hall, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, disclosed in the House of Commons yesterday that hitherto permits have been issued for 700 Rumanian Jews to go to Palestine.

Mr. Hall foreshadowed the possibility of similar action regarding Bulgarian Jews.—Reuter.

## STRIKING FIGURES REVEALED IN COMMONS

THE ENORMITY of the burden placed on the occupied countries by Germany was disclosed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Total annual amount of German depredation is estimated at £1,150,000,000, apart from indirect losses to occupied territories and burdens on countries for which no estimates are available.

The cash burden, said Mr. Butler, was about £1,050,000,000 and additional to this were obligations in kind.

Norway had to pay an annual sum of £68,000,000, equal to about £25 per head of the population.

Comparative figures for Denmark were a total of £26,000,000 and £8 per head, for Belgium a total of £75,000,000 and £8 per head, Holland a total of £54,000,000 and £6 per head, and France a total of £827,000,000 and £20 per head.

In addition, Mr. Butler continued, Germany received amounts from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria, but no estimates were available.

Norway's burden was the heaviest, amounting to over one-third of her pre-war national income.

### Interesting Reminder

Mr. Butler recalled that the maximum annual demand from Germany ever contemplated under the Young Plan was £125,000,000, or less than one-third of the present French payment.

A further burden, Mr. Butler said, comprises exports from occupied countries to Germany. They are obliged to send more goods to Germany than they receive in return, and the surplus is paid for in "blocked marks" from which no benefit is derived nor is likely to be derived in future.

Even though the occupied territories have already been denuded of most of the readily exportable surpluses, Mr. Butler added, the total annual loss to the Western occupied territories may still be estimated at about £100,000,000.—Reuter.

## OIL DISPUTE WITH MEXICO

Hitherto no suggestion for a fair and equitable settlement has been made by the Mexican Government in connection with the expropriation of foreign oil property.

This statement was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question.

Mr. Butler was further asked, "When is this unfortunate affair expected to be settled?"

He replied: "When a suggestion is made to us for a fair and equitable settlement."—Reuter.

## ADMIRAL ESTEVA IN VICHY

Admiral Esteva, Resident-General of Tunis, arrived in Vichy yesterday to confer with members of the French Government, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

## French Hopes Of America

France's hopes of American aid to relieve her food shortage, were voiced by Marshal Petain in a broadcast speech at Grenoble yesterday.

The Government, he said, had a heavy task and was specially concerned with the shortage of supplies and stocks.

"We are counting greatly on American aid to relieve the shortage," he declared.

France was undergoing great difficulties and her life was threatened with still severer measures but "we are working more and producing more."—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI BUS SERVICE STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The bus service in the International Settlement, Shanghai, was partly resumed last night following negotiations between the workers' representatives and the company.

It is understood that the workers promised to return to duty to-day. — Our Own Correspondent.

## WAGNER THEORY A SHOCK FOR NAZIS

Much interest has been aroused in New York by an appendix which the British musical authority, Mr. Ernest Newman, has added to the third volume of the American edition of his life of Richard Wagner. He expresses the opinion that there is now overwhelming evidence in support of the theory that Wagner's father was Ludwig Greyer.

Geyer, the "New York Times" points out, had Jewish blood—and Wagner has been claimed by the Nazis as the high priest of their racial doctrines.

Wagner's paternity has for years been a source of controversy. He was born in Leipzig in 1813, and six months later his mother was left a widow. The following year she married Ludwig Greyer, a friend of her former husband, and an actor, playwright and amateur portrait painter.

## SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR VOTE PASSED

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed the Bill appropriating £1,750,000,000 for the purposes of the Lease and Lend Act.

Voting in favour of the appropriation was 366 to 55.—Reuter.

## NAZIS UNEASY OVER RAID ON LOFOTEN

The Lofoten raid by British and Norwegian naval units caused the greatest alarm among the Germans, who are constantly fearing a repetition of that spectacular exploit.

The German military authorities are planning to place garrisons on all of the hundreds of islets along the Norwegian coast, according to information from Norway reaching the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

If this plan is put into operation a very large number of German troops will be immobilised.—Reuter.

## EXPORT LICENCES FOR FOOD

From April 3 practically all foodstuffs will be subject to export licensing control to all destinations, under a Board of Trade Order issued in London yesterday.

Chief exceptions will be wines and spirits, pickles, sauces and chutneys.

New additions to the control list are made in the Order.

Concessions under which, with some exceptions, foodstuffs subject to export control, may be exported without licence to Crown Colonies and Protectorates, provided an import licence has been obtained in the territory concerned, remain in force.—Reuter.

## U.S. NAVAL CRUISE IN PACIFIC

COMMENTING ON THE "TRAINING CRUISE" OF FOUR UNITED STATES CRUISERS AND NINE DESTROYERS TO AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PORTS, COL. KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY FOR NAVY, SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS "VERY CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRALIA AND GREATLY IN SYMPATHY WITH HER ASPIRATIONS."

With the exceptions of those whose movements had already been publicised there were no more United States naval vessels in the south Pacific, he added. Those in the Antipodes would return shortly to Honolulu.—Reuter.

## DR. KLEFFENS SEES PRES. ROOSEVELT

Dr. Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, conferred with President Roosevelt just before the latter left for a brief holiday, and it is understood the Netherlands East Indies were among subjects discussed.

On leaving the White House yesterday Dr. Kleffens said he had talked with the President regarding the situation in the Netherlands.

He praised highly the President's efforts for the Allies as well as his work in connection with the Lease and Lend Bill as an admirable instance of his governing capacity.—Reuter.

## 'BEST PAL' UNDER CHARGE

Thomas Augustine Monahan, 26, a private in the Carleton and York Regiment of the Canadian Active Service Force, pleaded Not Guilty at the O'd Bailey to a charge of murdering a comrade. In an alleged statement he called the comrade, L.-Cpl. Charles Creighton Baker, his "best pal."

Mr. John Flowers, K.C., prosecuting, said that the tragedy arose out of quite small matters. After being ordered out of the regimental mess kitchen by the cook, Pte. Evans, Monahan was alleged to have said: "Evans, I am going to get you before this war is over, even if it is in a dirty way."

Monahan left, but returned five minutes later with his rifle. After Baker had twice told him to put his rifle down, Monahan fired and Baker was shot through the body. While Evans and another soldier were going for a doctor and the police, Monahan reloaded his gun, put it on the ground and fired at himself. He received a flesh wound on the chest.

The hearing was adjourned.

## TWO-OCEAN NAVY VOTE FOR SENATE

THE U.S. SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE \$3,447,000,000 BILL TO HELP FINANCE AMERICA'S TWO-OCEAN NAVY.

The Bill, which provides for the construction of six new-type battle-cruisers, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate begins consideration to-day.—Reuter.

## COMMUNAL CLASH AT DACCA

Nine are reported to have been killed and 87 wounded in communal clashes in Dacca arising from a bazaar brawl which led to arson.

Police later fired on a mob attempting to set fire to a shop, and nine were wounded.—Reuter.

## INDIAN CONFERENCE

A military conference of rulers and representatives of States maintaining Indian State forces discussed in New Delhi yesterday matters relating to enhancing the value of the State forces' cooperation during the war. Unanimous decisions were reached.—Reuter.



# JAPAN'S SCHEMES IN EAST ASIA

Mr. Quo Tai-chi Gives Warning In London

## SHEFFIELD WOMAN'S SPEECH

When Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, inspected an engineering works yesterday at Sheffield, he was welcomed by Miss Marion Helliwell, who, starting at a wage of 12 shillings a week, is now one of the senior directors.

Presenting Mr. Menzies with a small gift, Miss Helliwell in a spontaneous speech said of the Nazis: "They may bomb our homes, they may bomb our factories, but the skill of our hands and the spirit of beauty, love and kindness cannot be taken from us."

Later in the day Mr. Menzies told a gathering of industrial and civic leaders that the speech was one of the highlights of his tour.

"That is the spirit of the people of this country," he said. "I have seen in little back streets, people whose homes have been bombed but after the first shock I do not think that one person who has been through suffering even if you search the country with a microscope—would be prepared to say other than 'I am prepared to carry on. I shall go on suffering but my children's children are not going to suffer. Therefore we shall carry on and win'."—British Wireless.

## Aggression Delayed Not Abandoned

**LET NO-ONE MISTAKE THAT JAPAN'S PROGRAMME HAS BEEN IN ANY WAY ABANDONED, DECLARED MR. QUO TAI-CHI, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, SPEAKING AT THE FABIAN SOCIETY LUNCHEON IN LONDON YESTERDAY.**

"Japan is only waiting a favourable moment to take the plunge in the hope of sharing the spoils with her Nazi partners, but I can assure you that China will not listen to any specious peace proposals designed only to extricate Japan for further aggressions."

Mr. Quo also declared "China remains unconquered and more than ever unconquerable. We have been a bit tougher and even more resilient than the world expected."

"China is blessed with a brilliant leader. We have our Chiang Kai-shek, as you have your Winston Churchill and the Americans have their Franklin Roosevelt."

"China has more than doubled her military strength since the war against Japan began. We are self-sufficient in all arms except planes and heavy guns, which have to be imported and are essential to a general counter-

offensive which may come sooner than might be expected."

### Noxious Doctrine

"China has really borne the brunt of the mechanised aggression. She has led the van in armed resistance to the noxious doctrine that could not be checked by reasoning."

"From the beginning we have felt we are fighting for others as well as for ourselves, although for more than two years we fought a rather lonely fight."

"The world belatedly realises now what we asserted a decade ago about Japan's programme of aggression."

Mr. Quo did not deny friction between the Government and the Communists though he said it was greatly exaggerated by Japanese propaganda.

### Internal Unity

Moreover, he was confident the Communists, realising the supreme necessity of internal unity, would continue to afford the Government cooperation and support such as they pledged themselves to do when the war began.

After surveying Chinese military success in the past six months, Mr. Quo drew special attention to the almost miraculous development of the natural riches of south-west and north-west China since the Chinese Government was established at Chungking, the consequences of which for China's future influence in Asia might well outweigh all other fruits of the war.

### Fine Form

The Ambassador, whose reputation as an orator has long been established in London, was in fine fighting form.

The large audience generally agreed he had never delivered a better speech, which was punctuated with continual applause, especially the references to President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill and the formidable growth of the Chinese forces which are now holding a million Japanese inextricably bogged in China.—Reuter.

### BRITISH GUIANA WAR GIFT

A further £1,000 has been collected by the local committee in British Guiana towards the cost of bomber and fighter planes.—British Wireless.

Another Newfoundland artillery contingent arrived at a West Coast port yesterday where they were welcomed by the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner.—British Wireless.

## NO ITALIAN REQUEST FOR SAFE CONDUCT

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, dealt in the House of Commons yesterday with the question of Italian non-combatants in Abyssinia.

Mr. Butler recalled that an Italian request for a safe conduct was a prerequisite for British action, and no such request had been made.—Reuter.

## CAROL SENDS AN EMISSARY

Ex-King Carol and Mme. Lupescu's luggage and four dogs which they left behind at Seville when they escaped to Portugal, are being collected by the Portuguese Count de Mofra, who has arrived in Seville from Lisbon.

The Count is also settling Carol's outstanding accounts. He first had an interview with the Chief of the Seville Police.—Reuter.

## NEW CHIEF SCOUT APPOINTED

Lord Somers, who recently succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of Great Britain, has now been appointed Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth, says Reuter from London.

## CREDITS FOR FREE FRANCE

The British Government has formally agreed to provide credits for financing the Free French war effort.

This is one of two agreements just reached between the British Government and General de Gaulle.

The second agreement deals with foreign exchange questions between the British Empire and the Free French Empire. It re-establishes the pre-Armistice parity between the pound and franc at 176.625.

Each Colony can freely dispose of foreign exchange proceeds of exports and gold production under the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, which will be in a position if necessary to use the surplus exchange resources of one colony to meet the deficit of another, or for the Free French forces as a whole.—Reuter.

## NAZI DELEGATION TO CASABLANCA

The German delegation recently sent to Casablanca is said to consist of about 60 men.

This was stated by the Foreign Under-Secretary replying to a Commons question in which he also said that delegations of the German Armistice Commission are established in Algeria, Tunis and in the French zone of Morocco.—British Wireless.

## HEAVY RAIDS ON GERMANY'S NAVAL BASES

NOW THAT THE Battle of the Atlantic has begun, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the two main naval bases in Germany, are more than ever vital to the enemy's war efforts, and both were heavily attacked by aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Tuesday night, says the Air Ministry news service.

The weather was most unfavourable, with much cloud and haze, but by skilful navigation and persistence in the face of a fierce barrage at both towns, the British aircraft were able to drop a great load of high explosives and incendiary bombs on docks, shipbuilding yards and industrial centres of these ports.

Raid on Kiel began soon after 9 o'clock and lasted well into the early hours of the morning. Incendiaries, aimed at times when the clouds parted, caused a number of fires and these made a mark for aircraft which followed in quick succession.

As larger bombs went down the flash of the explosion was vividly reflected on the clouds.

Towards the end of the raid it was evident that large fires had got a firm hold and even though the weather was thick, the crews of the British aircraft could see the bright glare in the sky over Kiel for many miles on the homeward journey.

### Bursts In Docks

At Wilhelmshaven it was easier to observe results of the bombing and at times visibility was reasonably good.

There were many bursts in the area of the docks and shipyards and fires, both large and small.

As on several recent nights, Bomber Command aircraft continued to deplete Germany's store of oil in Rotterdam harbour.

Here there was a good deal of brown haze but visibility often was very good.

Oil tanks in the harbour were recognised by the light of fires and soon there was one large and three small fires burning which rapidly merged into the single big fire.—British Wireless.

### H.K. 'OBSTRUCTION' REMOVED

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS SHAKEN--BY GUSTS OF LAUGHTER

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, irritated by a notice on railway carriages of otherwise crowded trains reading "Not For Public Use," ventilated their sense of grievance in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Their resentment dissolved in roars of laughter, however, following the explanation of the Transport Minister, Col. Moore-Brabazon.

## PLANNING NEW LONDON

London buildings destroyed by air attack may never be rebuilt. Among many plans which have been suggested to the Government for post-war reconstruction the most striking provides for a city of lawns and gardens, in which would be laid out only the administrative, cultural, academic, religious and educational centres of the country and the Empire.

This scheme has been formulated by a group of young architects, artists and town-planners, several of whom are in the Services.

Business and commerce would be divorced from this future London. Its residential areas would be occupied only by those engaged in politics, education and the arts, and by workers in essential services.

### Ornamental Gardens

Whether or not Lord Reith's Ministry of Works and Buildings adopts this plan, or something like it, no rebuilding of London will be attempted during the war.

It has been decided, when the debris of shattered buildings has been cleared, to level the sites and beautify them with turf, flagstones and ornamental gardens.

While the war is in progress there are neither men nor materials to spare. Nor is there any intention to erect more potential "military objectives" while indiscriminate Nazi bombing continues.

Architects and town-planners see in this decision an opportunity to preserve these spaces for ever and to reveal London to future generations as a city of spires and towers and fine architecture.

### Preliminary Plan

In preliminary plans for this new London, surrounded by the calm dignity of squares and boulevards were the present Houses of Parliament and other Government buildings, County Hall, all the finest churches which survive, a State theatre and opera house and every other worth-while building which now serves religion, the arts, culture or politics.

St. Paul's on its hill, its gilded cross as high as Hampstead Heath, towered from its surrounding gardens over broad, straight streets which Wren visualised nearly 300 years ago.

Other smaller churches, each in its oasis of green, revealed their full beauty for the first time in living memory.

Over in the direction of Bloomsbury rose the white clustering of London University buildings and the more sedate outlines of the British Museum.

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Being pressed to state what the special reasons for these reservations were, the Minister said: "The list is rather a curious one. It includes broken windows, infectious diseases, and corpses."

The House tittered and the Minister continued: "It also includes lunatics and high Service officials." The House laughed.

The Minister concluded: "And, finally, it includes convicts and Cabinet Ministers."

The House roared and continued in open hilarity when Labour members asked how railway officials managed to distinguish between all these categories.—Reuter.

## FIELD-MARSHAL MANNERHEIM SERIOUSLY ILL

Field-Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, virtual founder of modern Finland, who commanded the Finnish forces against Russia in 1939, became ill some days ago, states a Helsinki despatch received in Berlin. He is 73.—Reuter.

## JOINING THE FREE FRENCH FORCES

The first batch of volunteers from French India left Pondicherry last night to join the Free French forces, says a Reuter cable.

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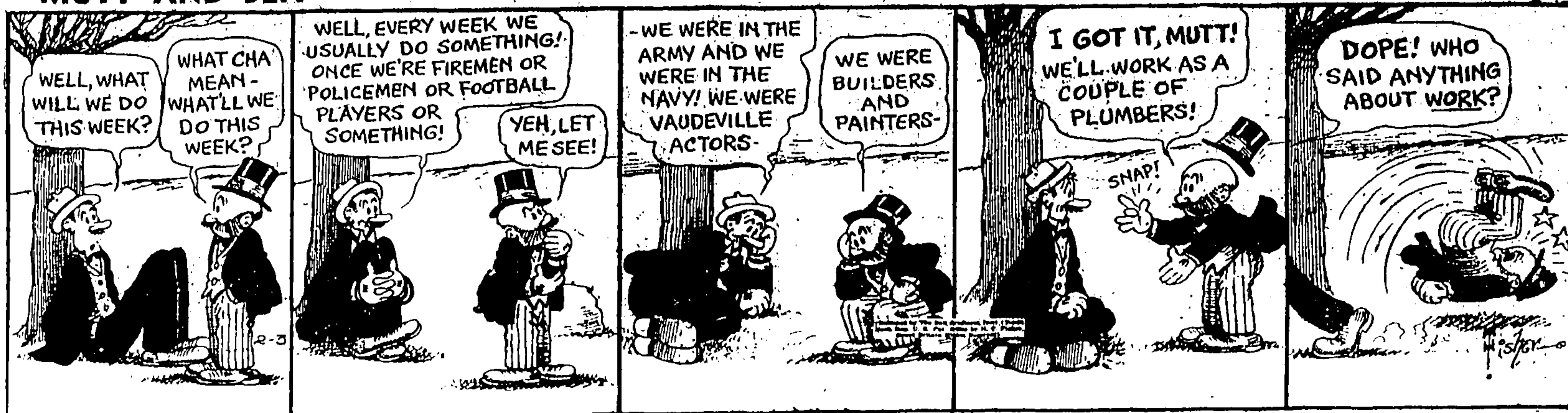
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## MUTT AND JEFF

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REMARRIED WIFE  
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An Army sergeant, Thomas William Whittingham, 40, who was stated to have remarried his wife after a divorce and later to have gone through a marriage ceremony with a single woman, was at Docket Assizes bound over for a year on a charge of bigamy.

According to the prosecution, Whittingham was married in 1923 and there were seven children. With his wife and family he went to Egypt and India, where, in 1935, he divorced his wife because of her alleged misconduct. On returning to England with four of the children he remarried his wife at Leyton in 1938.

He never lived with his wife after the ceremony, and in October, 1939, "married" Miss Beatrice May Snell, of Bournemouth, who had two children by him, one before the "marriage."

"Miss Snell, now that she knows the facts, still desires to live with him," added counsel.

VISCOUNT KANO ON  
'WHY I SEE YOU WINNING'

JAPAN, WAR-WEARY and blinded by German propaganda, is just beginning to realise that Great Britain is going to win the war.

Imperturbable Viscount Hisaakira Kano, London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, spending a business-as-usual honeymoon at his office after his marriage to a Japanese doctor's daughter, told a reporter that Britain only needs a "loud-speaker" to find her friends.

"Dr. Goebbels," he said, "has sent such a thick smoke screen round the world that even my countrymen are blinded. They are only just beginning to hear of your victory at Taranto. It has been smothered by German propaganda.

## "Feeble" Efforts

"Your propaganda is feeble. They are only just beginning to realise in Japan that Hitler's invasion of Britain has failed.

"It is Great Britain herself who has driven Japan into the arms of the Axis. The Japanese people are still your friends—but they want to know that you are not going down.

"We have had three years of war in Japan—not the sort of war you are waging here—it is more like a colonial war.

"Its economic effect on the peo-

ple is just beginning to come to the surface—and now their difficulties are increased by the British control of imports and exports.

"But the Japanese are your friends.

## Tell Them!

"Tell them what you are doing. They know Hitler was going to be in London in July, August, September, October. They just begin to realise he is not there yet.

"Tell them about your victory at Taranto. Tell them about your air victories in the Battle of Britain. They do not know. They are blinded by the smoke screens of Dr. Goebbels.

"I predicted many months ago that last Easter would be the turning-point of the war. I think, in many ways, it was.

"But in Japan a fortune-teller predicted that Hitler's star would rise and rise until September, and the star of Britain would go down and down and down. And then there would come a change.

"I am not a star-gazer. I form my judgment on a study of economics. I know Great Britain must win.

"About January or February your food supplies will suffer. This warfare against your ships in the Atlantic is serious. You will not go short of essential foods, but you will begin to know you are fighting a war.

"But you must pierce this German smoke screen that is going round the world. You will realise, then, who are your friends."

POLICE  
BRIBERY  
CHARGE

An alleged offer of a £50 bribe was referred to at Old Street police-court, when Harry Webber, 45, a shopkeeper, King Street, Hammersmith, was committed to the Old Bailey on charges of receiving 54 cameras, value £150, and corruptly giving £10 to Det. Basil Acott.

Det. Acott said that the cameras were found in the false bottom of a coal-box at Webber's shop. Subsequently Webber approached him and said:

"I have a lot of 'form' behind me. Get me a 'carpet' here and there's £20 for you. For 'half a century' I want you to get the whole job slung. Whatever happens, your £20 is guaranteed. I am not 'stuffy,' but for £50 you could easily skip my sheet, which will sink me and bust my business."

A week later, said Det. Acott, Webber handed him £10. Div. Det.-Insp. Davis and Det.-Sgt. Glander, who had been following, then came up.

He said that "form" meant previous convictions, a "carpet" meant six months' hard labour, and "half a century" was £50.

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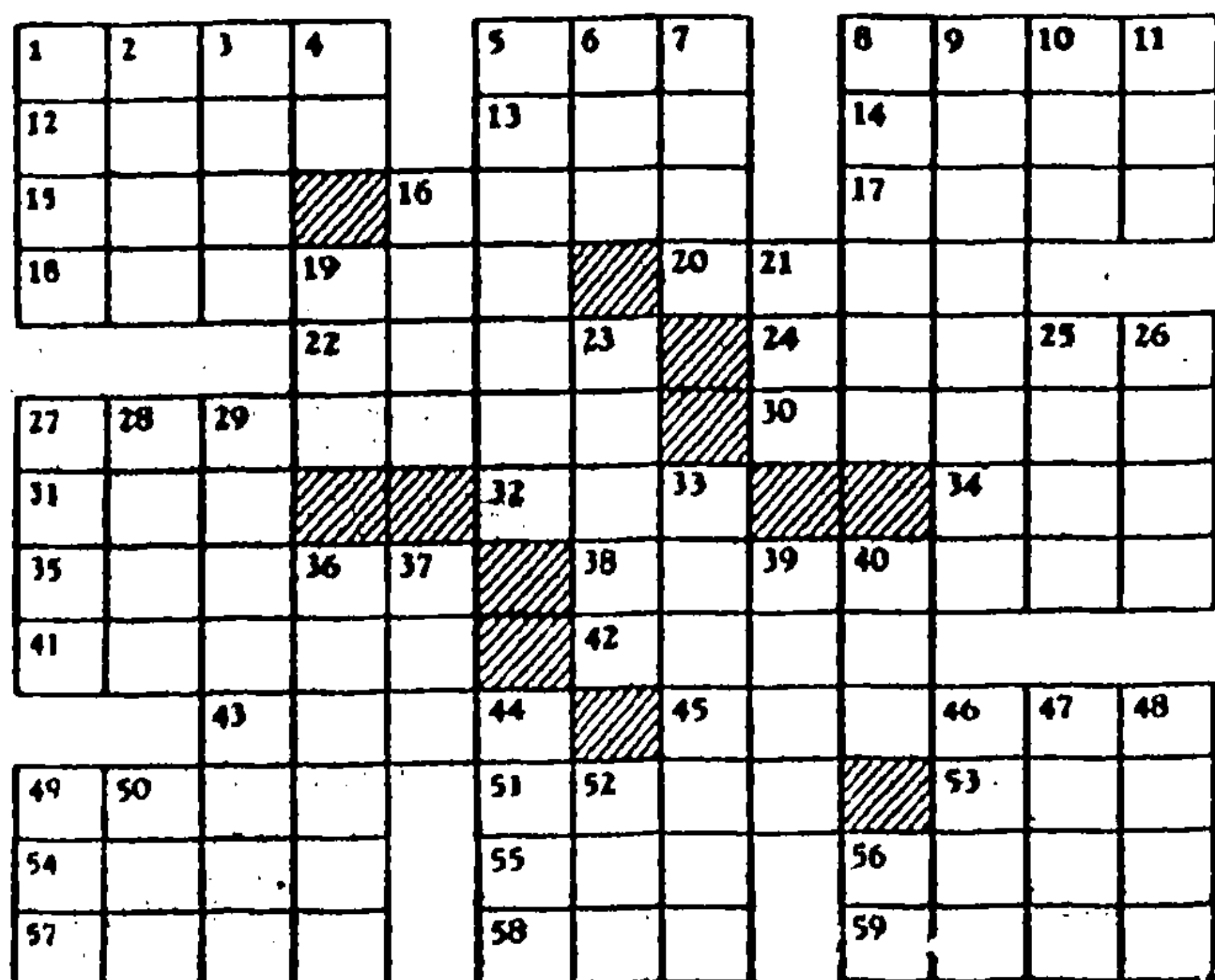
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- 8 Snare
- 12 Dye plant
- 13 Swiss canton
- 14 Network
- 15 Conjunction
- 16 To whirl
- 17 To affirm
- 18 Springing gait
- 20 Trigonometrical ratio
- 22 God of love
- 24 Meager
- 27 To propose
- 30 Admire
- 31 Hummingbird
- 32 Period of
- 34 First woman
- 35 Animal skins
- 38 Eschewed
- 41 Drawing-room
- 42 Magic stick
- 43 Dash
- 46 Greek mythological character
- 49 Fibre plant
- 51 Heraldic bearing
- 53 Part of "to be"

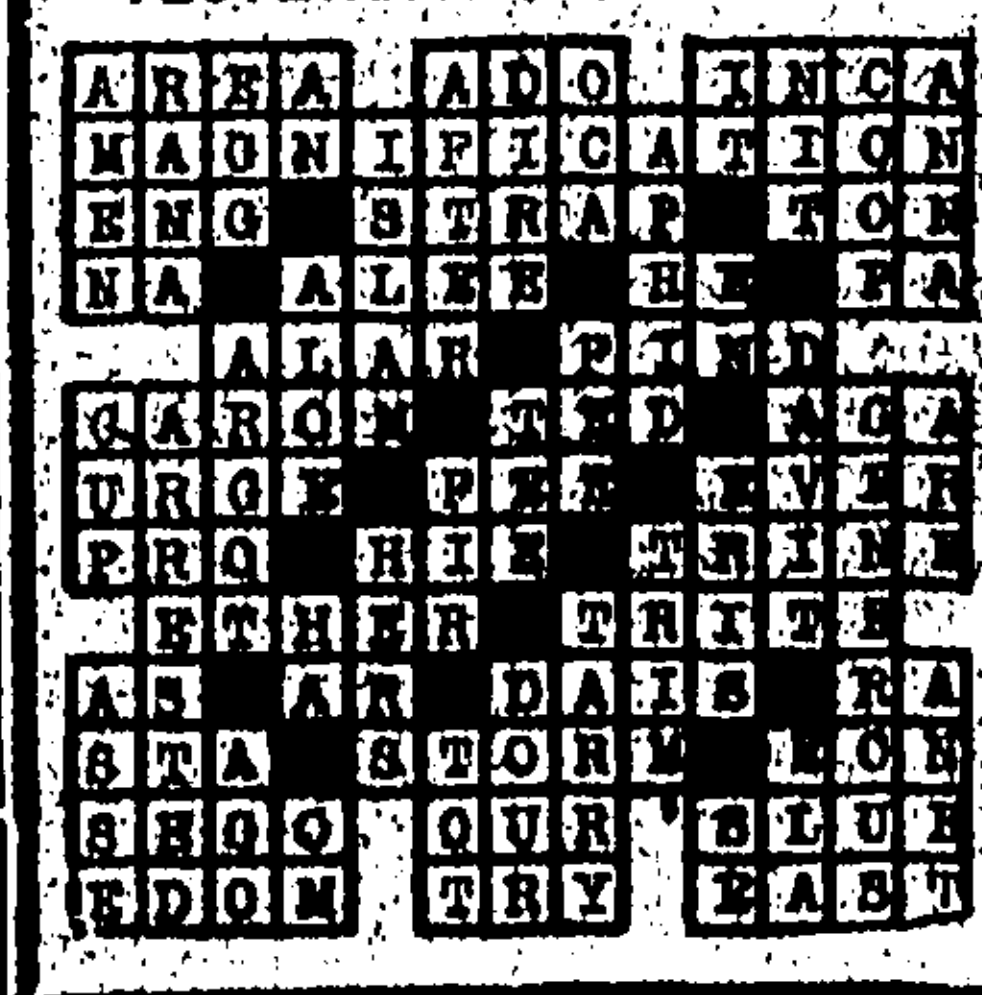
- 54 To grant the temporary use of
- 55 Owing
- 56 Islands off Ireland
- 57 Mexican coin
- 58 Conclusion
- 59 To dissolve

## VERTICAL

- 1 Ache
- 2 Ox of Celebes
- 3 Lass
- 4 Spanish article
- 5 To imagine
- 6 Silkworm
- 7 Triumphs

- 8 Daze
- 9 Uncovered
- 10 Devoured
- 11 By
- 12 Painful
- 13 Lower limb
- 21 Doctrine
- 23 Stalk of grain
- 25 Glacial snow
- 26 Placed on a mound
- 27 Weakens
- 28 Part of the eye
- 29 Ancient sailing vessels
- 33 Was of use
- 36 City in Ohio
- 37 Nahoot sheep
- 39 At one time
- 40 Girl's name
- 44 Proverbance
- 46 Strange
- 47 Russian mountain range
- 48 Transmitted
- 49 High mountain
- 50 Sheltered
- 52 To flow
- 56 Part of "to be"

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



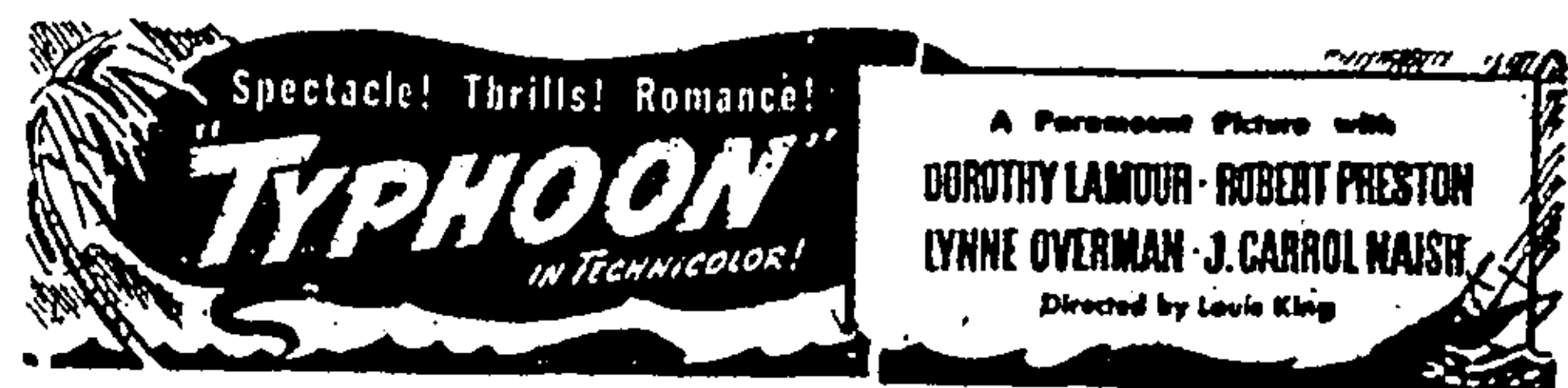
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# INDIAN DIVISION AND ENGLISH TROOPS ATTACK IN A STORM

A CORRESPONDENT with the Middle East Army writes that an Indian division who took part in the initial stages of the campaign in Cyrenaica, a Scottish Highland regiment and English Fusiliers, took part in the attack on a well fortified Italian position among the mountains forming a strong natural defence for Keren.

Preparations for the attack had gone on in blinding rain and a terrific thunderstorm. As the correspondents approached the area they had taken the thunder for gunfire and had feared they might be too late to watch the battle.

A strong wind was blowing when zero hour 7 a.m. last Saturday was reached.

The British guns opened up with a terrific roar as shells were poured on the Italian positions in mountains of varying altitudes from 1,400 to 6,000 feet.

The advance was rendered all the more difficult as the only road to Keren available had been blown up where it winds through narrow mountain defiles and every now and again exploding charges of dynamite sent avalanches of rocks hurtling on to it.

R.A.F. bombers, with their customary mastery of the skies in this area, took part in the attack and bombed the Italian positions, the natural strength of which had been increased by fortifications and barbed wire.

## Roasting Rocks

From our observation post — we were lying on roasting rocks in a temperature of 105 degrees — it was possible to see British shells bursting with unerring accuracy among the Italian positions.

The artillery barrage raged for three hours after which Imperial troops advancing behind a smoke screen made contact with an Italian force composed of 25,000, among whom was a division of crack Savoia Grenadiers and accompanying Alpine experts.

The battle raged throughout the day. By noon the now usual flow of prisoners began to arrive and were being shepherded to prepared camps.

Palestinian units also played a part in the fighting. — British Wireless.

## DIVORCES OVER POLITICS

The Norwegian divorce statutes are being altered to facilitate decrees nisi for couples with divergent political views.

If a mother's political views are not in the "right direction" the children are to be entrusted to the father's care. Many petitions have already been filed on the ground of political incompatibility.

With a view to compelling unemployed to travel to Germany for work, the Quisling Government is withdrawing the dole from those refusing to travel. Many Norwegian girls have been enrolled for domestic service in the Reich.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON TEPELINI

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, has sent a telegram to the Greek Prime Minister, expressing great pleasure at the further brilliant success of the Greeks in repelling the recent heavy Italian attacks. — Reuter.

## COMMUNIST AGENTS ARE ALL WOMEN

French police, who are trying to stamp out increasing Communist activities throughout the Vichy territory, have found in Lyons the headquarters of an organisation composed of Polish women Communists.

The women are said to have organised a network of propaganda agents all over France, including the part under German control.

Their organisation is known as the "Elsa Group" but, although some of them have been arrested and questioned, police have not been able to trace the mysterious Elsa, who is presumed to be their leader.

Members of the group appear to work independently, travelling from town to town distributing propaganda and money for bribing officials.

Propaganda from other Communist groups has also been traced to Lyons. Railwaymen carry leaflets from there to towns along the lines. Postmen deliver bundles of propaganda to active party members, who then continue the distribution from house to house or scatter leaflets in crowded streets.

## ITALIAN SEIZURE OF HOSTAGES

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NATURALLY CONDEMNED THE ITALIAN ARMY TAKING AS HOSTAGES 200 GREEKS AND 250 ALBANIANS IN EPIRUS AND SOUTHERN ALBANIA, SAID MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The hostages consisted of leading citizens, priests, women, children and old men, who were marched to concentration camps.

The action was contrary to International Law, Mr. Butler said. — Reuter.

## "HELP YOURSELF TO WOOD" SCHEME FOR LONDON

FOUR THOUSAND NOTICES, telling householders to help themselves to firewood, are being printed. In a few days they will be displayed on demolition sites all over London, writes a correspondent.

This is being done because the public are slow to realise that free firewood is available at the scene of many bomb-demolished buildings.

"Large quantities of firewood from wrecked buildings are handed over to charitable organisations for free distribution" said an official of the London County Council.

"In addition, firms are buying firewood from our central dumps. But not many private individuals are taking wood away from the sites, and it is hoped that these notices will encourage them to do so."

### Complaints Made

Meanwhile, complaints have reached the "Evening Standard" that wood which might be used for household fuel is being burned by demolition squads. Lady Keyes, widow of Brigadier-General Sir Terrence Geyes, writes that in a certain London district wood from the debris of bombed houses has been burned daily for months by the salvage authorities.

"There are many poor homes where wood fires would bring comfort in this bitter weather," she adds.

"After telephoning for permission to the L.C.C., who told me to apply to the foreman of a salvage gang, I collected on one occasion eight sacks full of wood, and I could have collected eight sacks a day since October."

### L.C.C. Reply

I referred these complaints about the useless burning of firewood to the L.C.C.

"No first-class wood is burned," I was told.

"It must be remembered that a certain amount of useless or dirty wood has to be burned. Also, for the comfort of those working on the site, a fire is necessary."

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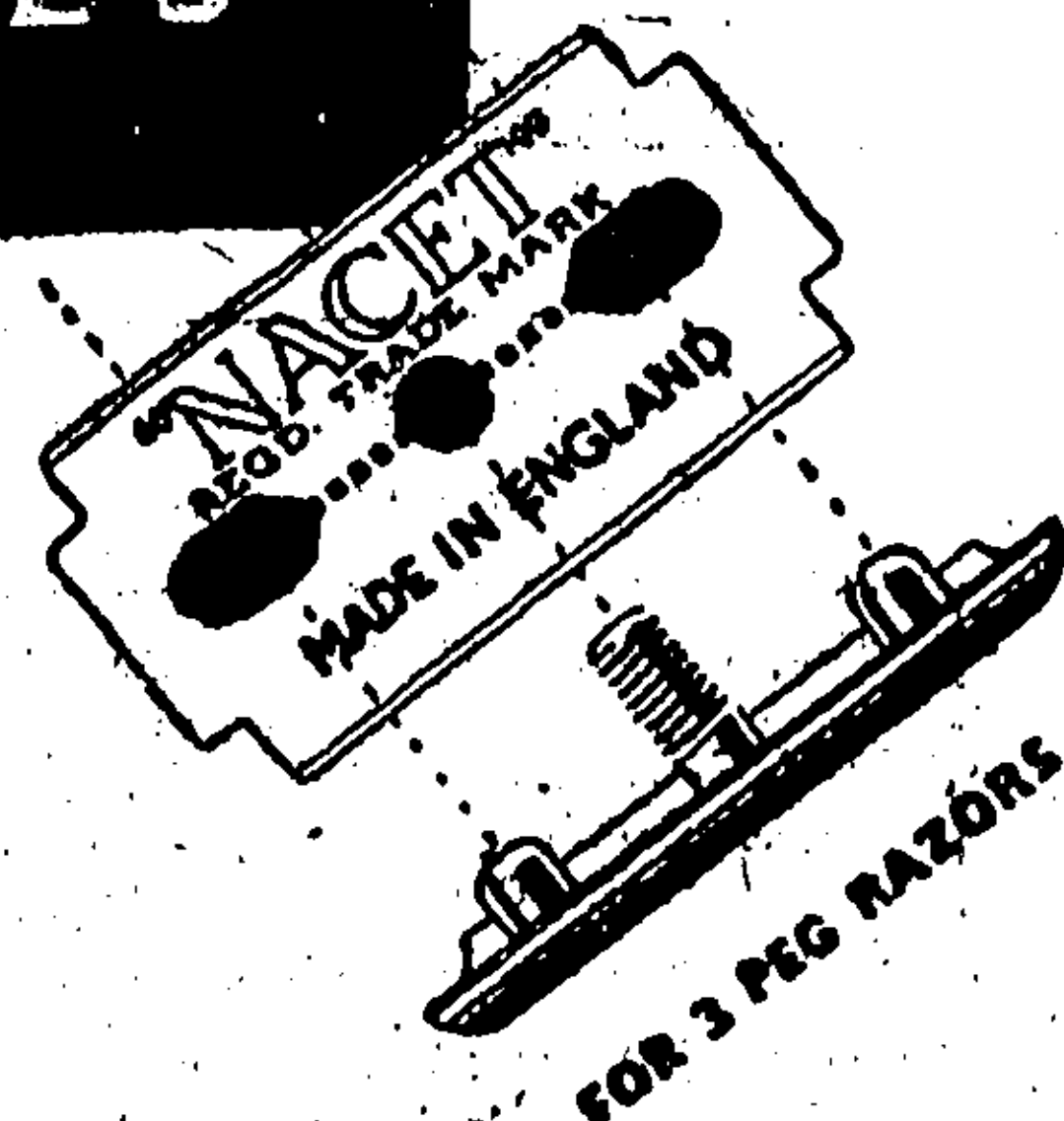
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## WHEN THE WAR IS OVER

A nation engaged in desperate war is naturally reluctant to speak of any aim beyond that of victory. Mr. Winston Churchill has several times rejected the invitations of different members of the House of Commons for a statement of peace aims. For the British Government to try at this time to outline specifically the shape of things to come would be an impractical diversion from the matter in hand.

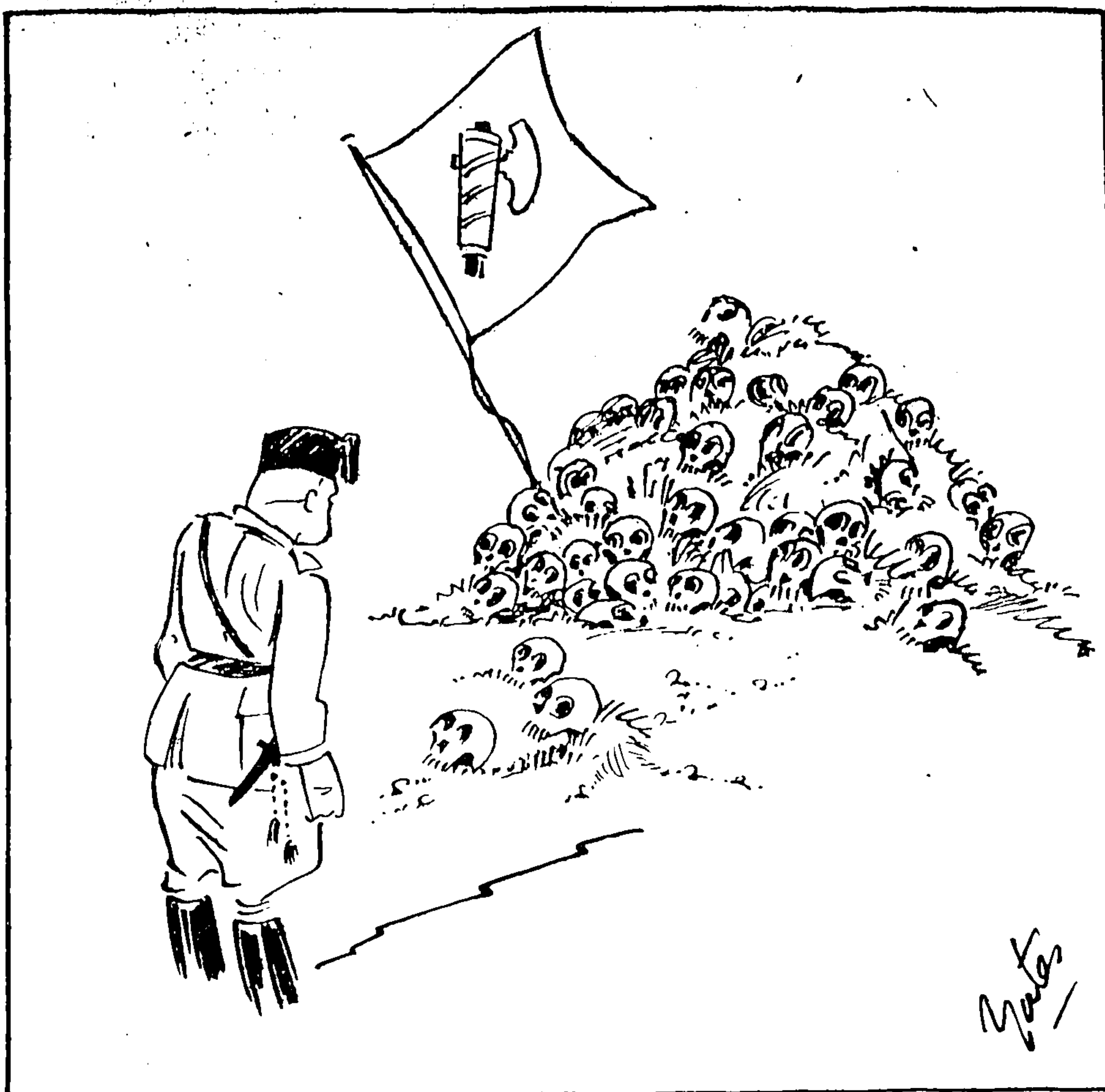
Individuals, however, can see straws in the wind which fill them with exalted hope. It is of striking interest when a neutral commentator offers comparison between the New Order offered by Hitler and that which will arise from a British victory. Meantime, the unity of purpose which is knitting the English-speaking lands ever more closely together, becoming apparent in proportion as the struggle grows in intensity, betokens a secure future when victory is gained. Another hint of the greater civilisation to come is the almost incredible fortitude shown by the bombed English hero - in - the - street. It proves as nothing else could that although brick and steel may crumble, free minds have greater strength than these.

There is at the same time increased turning to religion and firm support for the basis of the Rev. J. E. Wittenbach's argument that spiritual light is a necessary preliminary armament against the new paganism.

According to accounts from England, the majority of the British people have already risen high enough in mental altitude to have no desire for revenge after the war. When hostilities cease, it is fairly to be expected that this enlightened outlook will help bring about a settlement based on sincere striving towards justice and self-government for all.

Many people remember too well the reaction from the first World War. The jazzy living, the reckless spending, the cynicism, the loosening of moral standards. It is possible, however, that some false states of society which were ushered in by the last war may be ushered out by this one. Yet even Britain's triumph will entail a further challenge, a call for higher living and thinking. For beyond the necessity of turning back

TEPELINI !



THEY DIED FOR PRESTIGE

# Buying The "Voice" A Drink

He is not too tall. His body is thin and spare; a bundle of nervous energy when he talks in the mess.

He seems to chain-smoke, though every time his hand goes to his mouth he does not draw at the cigarette between the long fingers of his lean, decisive hand.

More often than not, the action is the preliminary to an unconscious smooching of the beginnings of a moustache.

If there is a single ribbon beneath the wings he wears it will probably be that of the D.F.C.

The job he is doing carries the rank of Squadron Leader; but it is more than likely that he held the rank before he took on the job, held it when he led his squadron into the melee above Dunkirk.

And if it was not at Dunkirk, it was on the Scottish and North East coasts, where the first raiders were met and sent about their business, that he learned to inspire confidence.

## Still "In The Air"

To-day, the job he is doing is on the ground; but, despite the apparent paradox, he is still in the air.

No fighter pilot flies without him, and the comforting knowledge that he exists to be talked to and listened to.

What is more, no fighter pilot can fly without him and the organisation he stands for, if that fighter is to do his job properly with the minimum of effect and the maximum of despatch.

They call him "Controller." At least, that is his official title.

But more often than not he is only thought of as a voice breaking in upon the solitude and chattering noises of a Spitfire or Hurricane cockpit, six and seven miles above the earth, where nothing can be seen below but the apparently interminable snowfield that is the sunswept tops of cloud-banks.

## Terse, But Friendly

His remarks, when they are heard in the wireless earphones

aggression and barbarity lies the task of so establishing the brotherhood of man that peace will endure.

built into the pilot's flying helmet are terse and to the point; but they give confidence and a feeling of friendliness in a lonely world.

The nervous mannerisms which accompany them in the mess are missing and instead there is power and ability and the knowledge that comes from experience.

Only concise orders "Fly on this course at that height"—are given, and the system by which they are transmitted is economical of time and effort at understanding.

But the pilot knows and understands and would not have it otherwise. It is the knowledge that the voice is there that matters to him, not the opportunity for conversation.

They are picked men to whom thinking in terms of air conditions is first nature, men who have a sixth sense when it comes to knowing just when and where the interception of a raiding bomber should take place so that the battle can be joined.

## Link With Observers

Their knowledge of navigation is quick and accurate. It has to be.

In their hands alone lies the interpretation of the probable direction that will be taken by a raider reported by the chain of observer posts.

Will he turn left or right? is the question perpetually in their minds while they work and send the fighters off on a carefully calculated course and at a speed and height that should make hunter and hunted meet even though cloud obscures the sky.

They sit in a control-room at fighter stations, a room so constructed and protected from bombs that someone once irreverently referred to one as a "padded cell."

That was a misnomer, since, though the control room is the nerve-centre of fighter operations, there is never pandemonium.

Instead, there is an atmosphere of competency as facts about the weather and visibility and all the many routine matters that go to putting a fighter pilot into the air and bringing him down again are gathered in.

Together they make a picture of the situation for the Controller, so that the few crisp words he

will talk into his radio telephone to the pilot he is directing will be accurate and effective.

## Always Watching

The pilot has to rely on those words, not just to make his own contact with the enemy, but for his own safety.

After twisting and turning in a dog-fight above the clouds he may not be sure of his whereabouts.

Without the controller to watch his every move and be ready to guide him home after the battle he will be lost, perhaps run out of petrol or fly into the side of a hill as he comes down through cloud.

He may have engine failure and have to force-land hurriedly, or as has happened more than once, he may be shot down over the sea and have to bale out beyond sight of watchers on the coast.

His only hope of being found quickly is to describe his plight into his microphone as his last act before leaving his machine.

It is then the speed with which the listening controller can put the rescue arrangements into operation that matters.

Not so long ago a young pilot was picked up out of the sea by a motor-boat speedily dispatched in this way.

When he walked into the mess the next day it was some moments before anyone noticed him.

Then the controller who had been on duty when he was shot down caught sight of him.

## Just A Drink

"Hallo, you're back! Dry yet?" was his greeting. "More or less," came the answer as the Controller put his finger on a bell and made a suggestion about a sherry which called forth a protest: "No sir. This one's on me."

"Why?" The question came quickly and a trifle too obviously. There was a hint of more than natural surprise in it.

"Well, sir, I rather thought, . . . I mean, sir, it's my turn," the pilot managed after a pause in which they did not eye one another.

"That's different," the Controller said.

Then abruptly and a little fiercely: "Perhaps it'll teach you not to put the fear of God into me, another time."

# Ships For Trade

The destruction of merchant shipping since the war opened, whether by ordinary marine casualty on by U-boat, mine, bombing aeroplane or raider, has reached a total of upwards of 5,000,000 tons. Those ships were engaged in carrying the trade of the producers and consumers of the world, for shipping is an international industry; whoever pays the freight, as fixed by competition, has the call on cargo space, irrespective of the flag of the ship.

It is not only British shipping which has been destroyed in the war at sea, but shipping under the flag of Norway, Holland, France, Greece, Sweden, Poland,

By  
Sir Archibald Hurd

Belgium, Estonia, Panama, Finland, Portugal and Spain. Even the merchant navy of Japan has suffered some loss, while the Germans and Italians have scuttled nearly one hundred of their own vessels of 460,000 tons in order that they might not be captured.

There is a shortage of shipping. Little tonnage is being built on the Continent of Europe, the cockpit of the war. So the immediate task of making good the loss of shipping falls to the shipbuilders of the British Isles, the United States and Japan. In the last year of peace, the shipyards of the United States had an output of only 163,000 tons, while those of Japan were responsible for 442,000 tons, a total of about 600,000 tons. The Japanese shipbuilders may maintain their peacetime rate of building though they are suffering from a lack of material, and the Americans will certainly greatly increase theirs. It may be estimated that these two countries will put into the water in the coming year not more than one million tons, towards the replacement of the four million tons to which I have referred.

The building of merchant ships is of the first military purpose to the British people since they live in an island and are more dependent on overseas supplies than any other people. British shipyards were never so busy as to-day. The craftsmen are going to it with a will. There has been no talk of strikes. Work goes on smoothly and swiftly, though the "black-out" creates lighting difficulties, and there are air raids.

Every shipbuilding establishment is necessarily on the coast with one side open to the sea. It can therefore be subjected to surprise attack not only by men-of-war but by bombs from the air. The shipbuilders in the British Isles are now in the front line of the war. At any moment, in the absence of vigilant defence, aeroplanes may swoop in from the sea and bomb or machine-gun the workers and then disappear.

These shipbuilders are reinforcing the British Fleet and are replacing the merchant tonnage which has been sunk by U-boat, mine and aeroplane. Their task is one of unparalleled proportions.

In the unhappy conditions which now prevail the main burden of maintaining this international transport industry rests on the craftsmen of the shipyards of the British Isles. Though the ships they send to sea will fly the British flag, they will be used for the carriage of the goods of all the world. If they failed, not only would the trade of the British people be reduced in volume, but other peoples would not be able to reach the best market in which to sell their produce. So these British ship-builders are engaged in very necessary tasks in the ultimate interest of everyone everywhere.

It would be a world disaster if the shipping which is now being sunk were not replaced in the shortest possible time. Cargoes all over the world could not be carried to those who want them and, therefore, the producers of the goods would be without the means of living. Want, if not starvation, would be the lot of millions of people in both hemispheres who have no wish—but to live peacefully and usefully, working hard in producing the things which other nations, less blessed by nature, urgently require.



# Silent Multitude Still Defying The Invader

PROPOSING THE TOAST of Princess Juliana and the Royal Family of the Netherlands at the Royal Empire Society luncheon, Lord Simon paid an eloquent tribute to the devotion to the cause of freedom displayed by the Dutch peoples from the earliest times.

That spirit of independence was still alive and the silent multitude in captivity by their defiance of the invader daily set an example of courage and endurance for which the boldest of us were grateful.

"History scarcely provides a parallel to the treachery with which under cover of friendship, Hitler first introduced his agents into the Netherlands and then overcame her with assaults from within and without."

It will be enough if I mention one episode from the story of that tragic campaign — the murder from the air of the helpless civil population of Rotterdam. As long as there are free men alive in the world that crime will remain as an indelible stain on the pages of history. One day the Germans will learn what free, brave men have always known, that you cannot destroy a nation or bend it to your will by murdering its people and setting fire to its cities.

## Fight For Principles

Replying, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands made a touching reference to the loyalty of the British peoples rallied round the Crown and ready to stake all for the victory of principles on which the British Empire was built.

"Our close community of interest, centuries old, has grown since we joined arms against the common enemy."

Many great responsibilities we share and I believe the influence of our present brotherhood in arms may reach far beyond the war issue of the moment.

It is my heartfelt wish that the close ties of friendship and co-

operation which now link Great Britain and the Netherlands may always be maintained." — British Wireless.

## PILOTS OF R.A.F. TEST VITAMINS

### Better Night Sight

A written Parliamentary answer revealed that experiments are being made to determine the value of a Vitamin A product to R.A.F. men engaged on night flying.

R.A.F. night fighter pilots are so intent on improving their efficiency that some subject themselves to what amounts to a special form of training.

This includes accustoming themselves to darkness by practice and a diet rich in the vitamins which medical workers say, influence keenness of night sight.

Physiological experiments have confirmed that shortage of one particular vitamin leads to a deterioration in the powers of seeing in the dark. Medical men reserve their opinion, however, on whether these powers can be im-

## 60-SECOND HERO

Out of the meagre news that filters through to Nairobi from the war against the Italians on the Abyssinian border comes this story of the bravery of a young officer of the Royal Engineers.

Gold Coast troops, South Africans, King's African Rifles, armoured cars, tanks and planes were attacking an advanced base of the Italian position at El Wak.

At a critical stage of the fight a Bangalore torpedo was accidentally dropped among a platoon which was moving up.

### Unnamed

The impact set the fuse going. It was timed to explode the bomb in sixty seconds.

The young officer dashed up to it as the men scattered. He picked it up, ran with it to the Italian defences, laid it at the foot of the wire, then doubled back.

He had covered only a few yards when the torpedo went off. It blew a gaping hole in the wire, hurled him to the ground.

But he escaped without a scratch, and none of his men was injured.

Only one thing is lacking from the story — the hero's name. It is not given in the official report.

(A "Bangalore torpedo" is a tube about 2ins. thick and twenty or thirty feet long. Filled with explosive, it is usually carried by two men and pushed under barbed wire entanglements and exploded. Its name originates from Bangalore, in Madras, engineering depot of the Indian Army).

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# GERMAN AIR LULL DUE TO BAD WEATHER

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

THE GREAT IMPORTANCE of the recent series of offensive sweeps by the R.A.F. over north-western France is emphasised in British air circles. At present the French side of the English Channel is "no man's air." Britain sends aircraft over the area in wide sweeps to make sudden attacks and then return home.

It is thought possible that the Germans will try the same tactics on the British side of the Channel. Britain claims no more than that the R.A.F. is systematically making bombing raids and that vital successes have been scored.

One of the new methods of attacking night raiders has just been disclosed. British night-fighters hover above the enemy's air bases in France shortly before the time when German planes are expected to return from their night offensives on Britain. They attack the enemy planes when they are about to land, making a good target in landing flares. This method also protects the attacking planes, since the raiders are between them and the ground defences. The bombing of runways is another method of making life difficult for German pilots returning from a raid.

## Three Messerschmidts Downed

By day fighter forces have made similar raids. In a recent sweep three Messerschmidt 109s were shot down and another damaged. On another occasion fighters escorted a squadron of bombers in a raid on Calais docks, which were hit and damaged. Few enemy fighters appeared and the only opposition was from anti-aircraft batteries.

On a larger scale was a raid by many bombers escorted by well over 100 British fighters. The targets were docks at Boulogne. Barges moored alongside quays were attacked and three enemy fighters were destroyed by Spitfires and Hurricanes. This does not mean, however, that Britain is immediately passing to the offensive across the channel. That would be exaggerated in view of the relatively small development of the attacks.

The modest opinion prevails in London, too, that the big winter lull in the Nazi air activity has been due to the bad weather, and not the lack of hitting power of the Luftwaffe. No strategic or tactical considerations are involved. Not only were the aerodromes of northern France unserviceable due to snow, flood and fog, but the actual flying weather made systematic action impracticable.

## Severe Gales And Snow

The importance of the weather must be considered in all its bearings. The mere fact that it is a fine day or clear night in one particular place does not guarantee good operational weather elsewhere. Britain and Europe generally experienced a great deal of snow during the winter, together with severe gales. In addition to these local conditions over either the aerodromes or targets concerned created an enforced lull.

The weather, and not policy, determined the respite. It was not a recurrence of the lull which presaged the German drives on Paris. It did not hide the details of the preparations of a new and terrific offensive although it undoubtedly hid the wastage in craft and crews. The German air force suffered heavy casualties as a result of the weather, and greater caution was exercised.

During the bad weather, also, a number of German units were sent back to the Reich for overhaul and, perhaps, rearmouring, including the fitting of armour plates for the protection of pilots. The lull was a time to "make and mend," rather than a strategic preparation.

So much for the winter months. In making their spring and summer plans, it must be known that the German commanders have above all to consider the failure of the day bomber.

In August and September, 1939, the German Luftwaffe had great success against countries without organised air defences and adequate fighter forces. An immense air superiority was speedily established in Poland. Fighter opposition was quickly overcome. The Germans had the air to themselves and day bombers met with little opposition.

The same thing happened in France, although the achievement was more difficult. France had larger forces than Poland and Britain had a fighter force there which fought itself to a standstill. Yet numerical superiority and weight of material finally achieved supremacy in the air.

## German Lesson At Dunkirk

At Dunkirk the Germans learned what the position would be when they opposed a fighter force of sufficient size with good equipment. They suffered heavy losses at Dunkirk, and in the following period Britain was able to repair and replace wastage, so that when the Battle over Britain started the fighter force was in good shape. The Germans came up against a force of excellent quality on familiar territory with all the facilities essential to its operation.

From this it seems clear that the day of day bombers has gone, at any rate when it is used as an independent weapon of attack. It may still have its uses in land-fighting at short range when protected by fighters.

It must return to the part to which the Germans originally allocated it, that is, for cooperation with a land army. The increasing efficiency of the offensive and defensive measures against night bombers, and the extinction of day bombers as an important threat to British cities mark two noteworthy developments in air strategy and demonstrate that the Luftwaffe loses much of its power and prestige once it meets with real opposition.

## ONE-SIXTH OF ONE PER CENT

As an indication of the result of air raids over England it is interesting to quote some statistics recently revealed at a Board meeting of one of the largest building societies.

Their activities cover a large part of the British Isles. Of the 300,000 properties on their books a careful check-up revealed that 400 buildings were destroyed. 2,000 were badly damaged but repairable. 7,000 were slightly damaged—windows broken, doors blown in or tiles broken. Thus the total damage has been less than 3 per cent, while destruction has been only one-sixth of one per cent.

## STATE PAPERS FOUND IN STREET

IMPORTANT PAPERS BELONGING TO A FOREIGN POWER WERE FOUND IN THE STREET AND HANDED TO THE POLICE BY A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOPBREAKING AT MARLBOROUGH STREET POLICE COURT, LONDON.

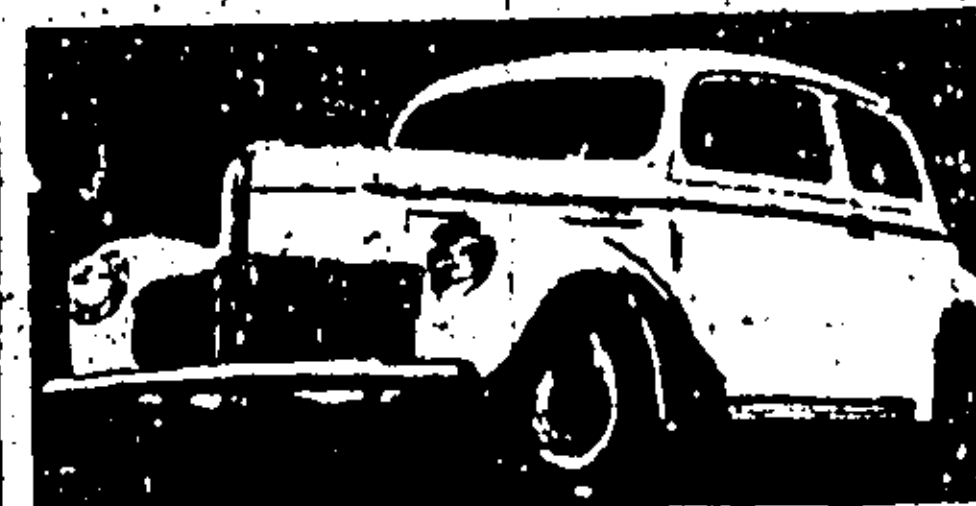
This was revealed when Nathan Bryer, motor driver, of Union Street, Dunstable, was about to be committed for trial on charges of being concerned with another man, who escaped, in breaking into a costumer's shop in Herwick Street, Oxford Street, and stealing clothing.

Detective-Sergeant Massey said that recently Bryer took to Marlborough Street Police Station a suitcase he had found in the street.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m.**, at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than 'six' and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,  
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By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

**THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING** has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.**

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
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Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on **THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.**

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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### Notice To Shareholders

**THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on **WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from **SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.**

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 35

**By The Four Aces**  
An unusual crime is presented to-day for Bridge criminologists:

South, Dealer  
East-West vulnerable

♠ Q 9 8 3  
♥ J  
♦ A 10 9 4  
♣ J 10 9 8

♠ 6 5 2  
♥ 9 8 4 3  
♦ J  
♣ A K 6 3 2

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♠ A 10 7 4  
♥ 5  
♦ K 8 6 5  
♣ Q 7 4

♠ K J  
♥ A K Q 10 7 6 2  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ 6

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♠ 2♣ Dbl. Redbl.  
 2♥ Pass Pass 3♦  
 3♥ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, dummy played low and East won with the King of diamonds. West ruffed the diamond return and led a spade to East's Ace, thus enabling East to give him another diamond ruff. The King of clubs then won the setting trick.

If you are a real sleuth, you'll be horrified at the crimes committed in this hand. See if you can discover them for yourself before reading on.

Of course South should have made his contract by winning the first trick with the diamond Ace and drawing trumps. But that was the least of the crimes! To begin with, West deserved ten years at hard labour for making the two-club vulnerable overcall with his miserable hand. The

West cards were good for about three or four tricks, yet he made a bid which promised to take eight tricks!

North's double was a trifle light, and East's redouble was questionable but not really criminal; and South's decision to bid two hearts was perfectly proper even though skilful defence would beat the two-club contract. But South's bid of three hearts was simply outrageous — meriting capital punishment at the very least! He should have let the bid get around to North — who would have doubled for penalties. Three diamonds would be set three or four tricks, and even a rescue at four clubs would run into an 800-point penalty. Perhaps North should have bid four hearts (which could have been made); but South's unwillingness to penalise the opponents indicated that he had little top-card strength.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 3 2  
♥ K 7 4  
♦ A 5  
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:  
 Jacoby Schenken You Maier  
 Pass Pass 1♣ Pass  
 1♠ Pass (?)

**ANSWER:** Bid two spades. Since your opening bid is a sound one, you cannot pass partner's one-over-one response. Your best rebid, since you have spade support, is to confirm the suit by a simple raise.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

### Question No. 669

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9 6  
♥ 7 3 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ A K 10 4

The bidding:  
 Maier Jacoby You Schenken  
 Pass Pass (?)  
 What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.  
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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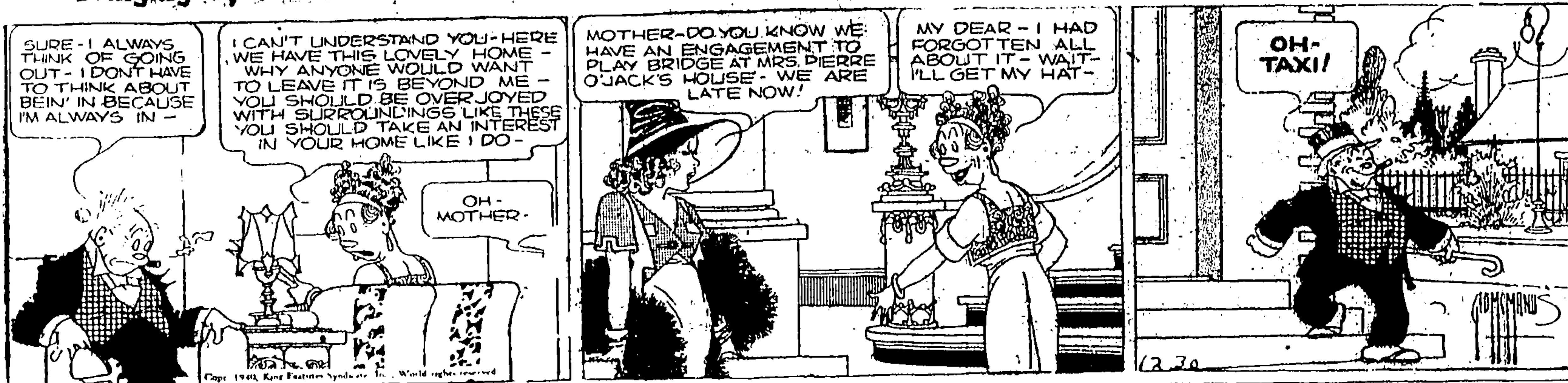
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Sun Glasses Of Quality

Many outdoor sports call for the use of sunglasses—and even women who do not embrace sports must wear them to protect eyes from the sun or water's glare.

But sun glasses should be worn only when you are in the bright sun and should never be used for night driving or for house wear, warns a prominent New York eye physician, and only ground and polished glasses should be worn.

"There are so many different types of sun glasses sold," he writes, "that it is easily understood why women are in a dilemma."

"Inferior quality sun glasses, made from celluloid, poor blown or pressed glass, will add irregular astigmatism, myopia, hyperopia, or prismatic imbalance to the refractive mechanism of the eye. Consequently, they only increase the strain produced by the sun's glare. The best advice about buying is to buy your sun glasses from a reputable optician and insist upon good quality ground and polished protection lenses, and if your eyesight is poor, have the glasses ground with your correct distance prescription."

### About Night Driving

It seems that many women like to wear sun glasses at night when driving a car, but according to this same authority, such practice is dangerous.

"Sun glasses are designed for the day wear and should not be worn for night driving as they lower



Eyesight is protected and wrinkles avoided by wearing good quality glasses to cut the sun glare.

## BUSINESS TALKS IN STREETS AFTER RAID

EXECUTIVES OF some London offices held their morning staff conference at street corners — indicative of the spirit and resolution with which the City got on with the job under difficulties after the immense fire raid destruction.

Not far away were the ghastly ruins of their former places of business. But they showed that London could get on with it even in such unprecedented circumstances as confronted so many workers.

Others talked things over in a coffee tavern or restaurant, while members of their staffs, chatting in groups on the pavements waited for instructions.

### ABSOLUTELY IS THE WORD

Many parts of Germany have a very harsh winter, with the temperature often ten degrees below freezing point.—*Geography book.*  
Joy - Through - Warmth announcement by the Fuehrer's Government to the Fuehrer's people, often enjoying ten degrees below freezing point:—

"No overcoat may be bought in future without a permit."

"No permit will be issued to any one who cannot show that his present coat is absolutely unwearable."

There were many such scenes near damaged City streets, streets where the destruction did not appear to be so fearsome as the fires had suggested.

At many points departmental chiefs with notebooks and pencils took names and addresses from members of their staffs as they stood at street corners.

### "Mopping Up"

It was a necessary requirement where office records had been destroyed. When the new lists had been completed, staffs were told to go home until things had been tidied up.

The tidying up process went on briskly and efficiently, but there was still a tremendous amount of "mopping-up" to be done.

Here and there a fire still smouldered stubbornly after thirty-six hours incessant pumping of water. But most had been effectively extinguished.

St. Paul's was surrounded by the gaping skeletons of once fine buildings. Along Cheapside buildings had been burned almost to their foundations.

Elsewhere the life of the City had virtually regained its normal brisk tempo.

glare of auto headlights and still be safe.

### Are Sun-Glasses Habit-Forming?

We have heard considerable criticism of sun glasses to the effect that they become habit-forming. Just what is meant by habit-forming is not clear. Certainly they will not cause an atrophy of the colour sense, however, if worn unnecessarily and continuously, they may lower one's tolerance to light and instigate a discomfort in moderate illumination.

In buying a sun glass, remember that all good quality, absorptive and sun lenses on the market are of value, and will serve you for beach and any unusual day brightness. When buying your glasses, step outside and test them. See if you like looking through them and get the degree of darkness which best suits you.



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| Java and Manila                                                                                            | Mar. 25. |
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Straits and Rangoon ..... 8.30 a.m.

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#### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Manila Macassar & Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.  
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| Ord.                        |                 | 2.30 p.m. |
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## RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—A Swing Programme.

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Len Bermon, Frances Faye and The Mills Brothers.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Light Russian Programme.

His Dreamy Waltz (arr. Schwartz); Waltz of the Lost Love (arr. Schwartz); Russian Novelty Orch.

On The Volga River... Russian Choir; Waltzes—Love of a Gypsy (Schwartz); Greetings of Spring (Schwartz); Russian Novelty Orchestra.

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Spring Waltz (arr. Schwartz); Waltz Nanette (arr. Schwartz)... Russian Novelty Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Variety.

Comedienne—Pass, Shoot, Goal! (Damerall & Others); Grace Fields with Orchestra.

Banjos—Banjo Favourites. Intro: Stela Song; Valencia, Toy Drum Major Raymonde & His Band of Banjos.

Vocal Burlesque—Sonny Boy Jerry Colonna with Fud and His Fuddy Bears.

Mandolines—Spanish Gypsy Medley. Intro: Argentina, Barcelona, Lady of Spain... The Romany Mandoline Players.

Comedian—A Bird In A Gilded Cage—A Vocal Burlesque Jerry Colonna with Fud and His Fuddy Bears.

Piano—Medley. Intro: Chasing Shadows; One night of love; I'll never say "never again" again Len Green with Drums.

Vocal—Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart (Noel & Others)... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

Piano—Medley. Intro: We were so young; Paris in the Spring; Fare thee well, Annabelle... Len Green with Drums.

Vocal—Proud of You (David)... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam. Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

Hawaiian Rose—Medley; Hawaiian Love... Kane's Hawaiians.

Waltz—Chiquita... Ferera and Paaluh (Hawaiian Guitars).

Samoaian Love Song—Hawaiian Novelty (film "Taboo"); Love Song of Tahiti—Hawaiian Novelty (film "Mutiny on the Bounty")... Andy Iona & His Islanders with Vocal Chorus.

Smiling Eyes (Nawahi)... King Nawahi's Hawaiians.

Valse Bleue (Margis)... Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.

Hawaiian Love Bird (Razaf)... King Nawahi's Hawaiians.

Kohala March; Honolulu March... Frank Ferera & John Paaluh (Hawaiian Guitars).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano).

The Little Dutch Mill (Freed & Baris); Over Somebody Else's Shoulder (Sherman & Lewis); A Letter To My Mother (Gilbert & Nikle); A Boy and a Girl Were Dancing (Gordon & Revel).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Military Band Concert with Dennis Noble (Baritone).

The British Grenadiers (Trad.)... Dennis Noble and Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

The Caissons Go Rolling Along (U.S. Field Artillery March)... The American Legion Band.

The Empire Is Marching (Grey-Glass)... Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

National Emblem—March... The American Legion Band.

The Trumpeter (Barron-Dix)... Dennis Noble with Piano acc.

## PEACE MEETING IN LONDON

2,000 Delegates

About 2,000 delegates from all parts of the country attended what was described as the People's Convention in a big London hotel. The object was to initiate a campaign for a People's Government.

The delegates were of all types. Well-dressed intellectuals mingled with young men in flannels, coloured sports coats, picturesque corduroys, polo jerseys and mufflers. Indians were numerous. Young women were everywhere, mostly hatless.

The conference hall had its walls plastered with slogans such as: "Soviet Union: the comradeship of the mighty."

All through the day there was an almost unending spate of speech-making, and all along the same lines. More than one speaker was introduced as "Comrade Sam" or "Bill" this or that.

Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., was the "star" speaker at the convention. He complained that the Government was moving steadily towards a general compulsory system of a Fascist pattern. The working people must defeat the attack on their rights.

But the greatest single point, he said, was the achievement of peace. Their policy was to offer to the peoples of the enemy a peace of no annexation, reparations or indemnities, with liberty to all peoples to determine their own destiny.

Hungarian Fantasy (Flegdy)... Band of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresa" Regiment.

Song of Liberty (Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 4—A. P. Herbert-Edward Elgar)... Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards and Organ.

Post Horn Galop (Koenig)... The Royal Artillery Band (Woolwich).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates.

Summertime Suite—Fresh Morning (Pastorale); Noonday Song (Romance); Dance in the Twilight (Valse)... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

The Fairy Tales of Ireland... Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch.

Saxo-Rhapsody... Sigurd Rascher (Saxophone) with Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eric Coates.

A House Love Made for You and Me... Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Cello, Oboe and Piano.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 p.m.—Piano Interlude.

Liszt—Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11... Marcel Clampl.

10.20 p.m.—Vincent Wallace's Opera "Maritana". Characters & Soloists in order of appearance: Maritana...

Miriam Licette (Soprano); Don Jose De Santarem... Dennis Noble (Baritone); Lazarillo... Clara Serena (Contralto); Don Caesar de Bazan... Heddie Nash (Tenor); and Grand Opera with Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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## GERMAN DREAD OF FUTURE AIR RAIDS

Wallace Deuel, the Berlin correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," who has returned to the United States, has a special reason for thinking that Berliners are being particularly affected by the R.A.F. bombing raids.

In addition to all other reasons for being disturbed, if no worse, by the raids, Berliners, he writes, had this further reason: they had been officially assured for months that it would be impossible for a single enemy plane to get to Berlin even when the French Air Force was still intact and even when the Allies could start their raids from the Franco-German frontier.

When the R.A.F. alone began to bomb Berlin, therefore, and to do it all the way from England, the disillusionment of the Berliners was great. They perceived they had been lied to about the possibility of being bombed, and were considerably shaken by this alone.

### Other Lies

But they also perceived that if they had been lied to about this question it was also highly probable they had been lied to about other questions—almost of equal importance, and they were even more shaken by this.

The rest of the Reich, too, has been shaken by the British bombing raids, not shaken to a degree which endangers the people's ability or willingness to go on fighting the war, but sufficiently for them to have serious misgivings and, above all, to look forward with dread to the time when the British will be able to bomb the Reich in much greater force.

The amount of damage done to material objectives in the Reich is the most closely guarded of military secrets. No more than a dozen men in the Air Ministry in Berlin know the full extent of it.

### Serious Damage

But this much at least is definitely true—the British have bombed scores of military objectives in various parts of the Reich and the occupied territories, and in some cases this damage is serious, though in no case comparable to the damage the Nazis have done to Britain.

Considerably more important than the material damage caused by the raids, however, is the effect they have had on morale.

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fect they have had on morale. Lacking long-range bombers, remote from important objectives and outnumbered by three to one, the R.A.F. has nevertheless already made itself felt to a degree which is amazing under the circumstances.

For the rest, however, concludes Deuel, conditions inside Germany can afford only the coldest comfort to the Reich's enemies. As long as the Nazis can maintain present conditions in the country there can be little or no reason to expect the German people to collapse.

After describing Germany's internal strength, Deuel insists that if Britain fights hard enough and gets enough help from the United States Germany can be beaten.

## EX-M.P. TO PAY £2,000

### Breach Damages For Barmaid

Breach of promise damages against a barrister, who is an alderman of Lancashire County Council and a former M.P., were assessed at £2,000 by the Official Referee, Mr. C. M. Pitman, K.C., at the Law Courts in favour of Miss Marie Daphne Harrison, of Sparkenhoe Street, Leicester, formerly a head barmaid.

The defendant was Maj. Myles Storr Nigel Kennedy, of Stone Cross, Ulverston, Lancs.

Mr. Norman Winning, for Miss Harrison, said judgment had been signed in her favour by the Registrar at Leicester in default of Maj. Kennedy's appearance. A further judgment of the Registrar assessing damages had been set aside by Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson, who sent the case for assessment of damages to the High Court Referee.

Miss Harrison told the Official Referee that she left her post as head barmaid at the Grand Hotel, Leicester, at the Major's request, to marry him. He told her he paid £1,200 in surtax.

He said he was interested in iron ore mines at Barrow, was a director of a bank and of a brewery, and was formerly M. P. for North Lonsdale. He was a major of the Border Regiment but retired two years ago.

### Gift Of Car

There was a celebration at the hotel when they became engaged and he gave her a diamond ring. Next morning he called at her home in a 16 h.p. car and told her mother he had given it to the plaintiff.

He invited a married woman to act as chaperone when he and Miss Harrison travelled north together. This friend had to return before they stayed at an hotel at Preston. The major came to her room, told her they would be married by special licence the following day and seduced her. Next day they chose £900 worth of furniture.

Miss Harrison said she still had the ring the major gave her, and pearls. She also had the car, though, she added, he refused to let her have the registration book, so that she could not use it.

Intimacy took place on two other occasions. The major came to London to have his portrait painted, and at the studio a woman said, "I never know where I am with Nigel's girl friends." The major answered, "There is safety in numbers. I am a confirmed bachelor." When Miss Harrison reminded him that he was engaged to her, his comment was, "I can easily get out of that."

### "Other Girl"

Miss Harrison said she went to a London store with the major and was fitted with some suits. The major accompanied a girl friend to another department and bought her underclothing, of which one item was marked eight guineas. He walked out of the store with this other girl. When Miss Harrison spoke to him he said, "Don't talk to me. I am a corpse."

"Are we engaged?" she demanded, and he replied, "No, we are not." The Official Referee, giving judgment, said that he was bound to accept the uncontradicted evidence of Miss Harrison of the major's statement of the surtax he paid, the properties he owned, and so forth. He was undoubtedly a rich man. Judgment would be entered for Miss Harrison for £2,000, with costs.

The Official Referee added that he dealt with the case in the absence of Major Kennedy.

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## "MOTHER LONDON" CHOSEN

Ald. Charles Key, M.P., the new London Regional Commissioner for Shelters, has found the woman he was looking for to fill the role of "Mother London."

She is Mrs. Creswick Atkinson, and she has already started work as technical adviser to the Ministry of Health on social welfare in large shelters.

With a corps of voluntary workers she will look after the thousands of mothers and children who frequent these shelters and help them to solve their problems.

Mrs. Atkinson was chosen out of more than 200 applicants, one of whom wrote from the Hotel Europa, Lisbon. She was released to do this new job by the Women's Voluntary Services, to which she had been technical adviser since 1938.

She is young-middle-aged—"somewhere in the middle forties," was Ald. Key's guess. Her husband is Stoke Newington's chief A.R.P. warden. As the only woman member of Lord Horder's Shelters Health Committee, Mrs. Atkinson has already a wide experience of London's deep shelters.

Here is what Ald. Key had to say about his "Mother London": "I hope London mothers and children will find in Mrs. Atkinson and her colleagues kind friends and wise advisers."

"She will also advise local authorities on the organisation of welfare work in large shelters and work out a central organisation which will cover the whole of the London regional area."

As a sideline Mrs. Atkinson will try to persuade mothers to evacuate their children and send them to school. There are still more than 80,000 children of school age in London, and 60 per cent. of them do not attend school.

## STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVE

There was some investment enquiry on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and industrials, Courtaulds and Dunlops were again higher. Cements also improved while home rails attracted further support. Elsewhere the markets were very quiet but fully steady. Kaffirs were firm, except for some easiness in non-producers. Oils were steady except for a slight decline in Shells. Chinese engineering declined on a dividend for the year of 9d against 1/6d. Wall Street was hesitant.—Reuter.

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# NEW STAR IN LOCAL TENNIS FIRMAMENT

## Ip Plays Brilliantly To Beat Ho Ka-lau

### PAUL KONG SOON SETTLES DOWN

By "Adrem"

A NEW STAR HAS RISEN IN THE LOCAL TENNIS FIRMAMENT. HE IS K. H. IP, OF SOUTH CHINA, WHO YESTERDAY CAUSED THE FIRST SURPRISE IN THE CURRENT COLONY TENNIS TOURNAMENT BY BEATING THE EXPERIENCED HO KA-LAU, HERO OF MANY A DOUR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, BY THE CONVINCING SCORES OF 6-1, 6-1.

There was no fluke about Ip's win. From the outset he established himself as the better player and he outclassed Ho in practically every phase of the game. Yesterday he concentrated chiefly on a baseline game and his accuracy on both wings, the speed with which he played his strokes,

and his clever courtcraft kept his veteran opponent on the run continually.

One of Ip's most useful strokes was a well-disguised drop-shot, which left Ho standing on numerous occasions.

The South China player's fixture with Tsui Yan-pui in the next round should provide one of the finest matches in the tournament and Tsui will be well advised not to take it too easily.

### Promising Combination

G. Choa and A. V. Remedios, a new combination, showed promising but by no means brilliant form in beating A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong. Choa is playing as well as he was on the last occasion that he appeared in the tournament, while Remedios settled down after a shaky start to produce some fine strokes.

Feature of the match between Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, and T. E. Ling and Frank Kwok was the splendid form of Kong. He was slow to settle down but having done so he proved himself to be easily the finest player on the court.

His partner Fung gave adequate support but was not called upon to do very much.

Ling and Kwok both hit very hard on the forehand but the former appeared to be right out of touch and never gained complete control.

The Agafuroff brothers had a hard fight against Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming but their steadiness enabled them to win in straight sets, although they were given a great fight in the second.

### TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following are to-day's matches:

OPEN SINGLES  
O. Umetani v M. Pagh (5).  
C. S. Lee v A. Crawford (8).

OPEN DOUBLES  
Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming (8) v H. D. and S. A. Rumjatin (8).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES  
J. Sterling Lee (-2/6) v E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) (2).

H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) (7).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP  
H. Van Leeuwen v G. W. Sewell (1).

V. R. Gordon v A. K. Mackenzie (4).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES  
C. H. R. Ox'ade and A. H. Barwell (scr.) v E. H. Brazel and C. P. Charlton (-3/6) (3).

### ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association will take place at Hong Kong Cricket Club on March 28, at 5.30 p.m.

### SIGNALS DROP VALUABLE POINT

Royal Corps of Signals dropped a valuable point when they were held to a draw by 7th R.A. at Sookunpoo yesterday, in a Third Division soccer match, each side scoring once.

### 12th R.A. Win

In the other Third Division match played at Stanley, between 12th R.A. and Royal Engineers, the former won by three goals to one.

Brackenberry for Signals and Clark for Gunners scored the goals.

In a postponed fixture in the Hockey Tournament, Revere beat Nomads by four clear goals. B. T. Gosano scored in the first half, and R. Marquez (1) and Garry Gosano (2) scored in the second half, to bring the score to four.

## COLONY ATHLETIC MEETING

THE ALL-HONG KONG SCHOOLS AND OPEN COLONY ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING, SPONSORED BY SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT CAROLINE HILL STADIUM, COMMENCING AT 10 A.M., ON MAY 9, 10 AND 11.

The proceeds of the meeting will go to the War Relief Fund.

Following is the official programme for the meeting:

Events open to all schools in the Colony:

Boys' Senior Events:—100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, 10,000 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Put (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

Boys' Junior Events:—50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Put (12 pounds), 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,500 Metres.

Small Boys' Events:—50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, 400 Metres Relay Race.

Girls' Senior:—80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball, and 400 Metres Relay Race.

Girls' Junior:—50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put (8 pounds), Throwing the Baseball and Discus, 400 Metres Relay Race.

Open Events for the Colony:—

Men's Events:—110 Metres Hurdles, 400 Metres Hurdles, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Put (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

Ladies' Events:—80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put (8 pounds), Discus, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball, and 400 Metres.

Entries will close on April 24.

## FLORRIE FOWLER TO WED

Miss Florence Margaret Fowler, the well-known local lady hockey player, will be married this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral to Mr. W. S. Long, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., at 4.30 p.m. A reception will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, following the Church ceremony.

## ARMY RECORD EQUALLED AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING

By "Sportshawk"

THE ARMY record for the 220 yards flat race was equalled by Sgt. Manfield, of Royal Air Force, when he returned 22 seconds in the final of the Small Units' Athletic Sports Meeting on the Chat-ham Road ground yesterday afternoon.

A brilliant effort in the anchor lap of the relay by Private Goodair, who closed a long gap on Private Dickens, of Middlesex "C" Company, and then went on to win, gave the 1st Bn. Middlesex "A" Company honours in this event.

The winning quartette of L/Cpl. Cox, Cpl. Seton, Pte. Williams and Pte. Goodair, though not favoured for this event, showed splendid form.

### Relay Race

Four teams took part in this relay: 1st Bn. Middlesex "A", "B", and "C" Companies and La Salle College "A" team, who, it may be recalled, won the heat for the same event in the Inter-School Sports meet on Tuesday.

Capt. Belton won the javelin event comfortably, beating his nearest rival, L/Sgt. Bedford, by no fewer than 14 feet and 4 inches, while Signmr. Bennett threw the discus 78 feet and 11 inches to beat Sgt. Pitt, who came

## TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's programme of Colony badminton matches:

(AT TAIKOO CLUB)

Men's Singles Junior:—E. Zimmerman v J. Hooi (8.00 p.m.).

Men's Doubles Senior:—K. W. Choy and K. B. Low v J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (8.45 p.m.); D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva (9.15 p.m.).

### NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

The following is next week's programme of matches in the Hong Kong Badminton Championships, the first of which will take place at Kowloon Cricket Club:

MONDAY, MARCH 24

(KOWLOON C.C.)

Mixed Doubles:—P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v J. Odell and Miss J. Choa (7 p.m.); P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva (9 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles:—C. Au v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles:—R. M. Lavalie v Peter Lo (8.45 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles:—S. Ampla-vanar and C. K. Cheah v M. P. and Y. P. Loong (8.15 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

(TAIKOO)

Men's Junior Singles:—J. Odell v M. Taitan (8 p.m.); P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale (8.45 p.m.); D. Cheah v W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

Men's Junior Doubles:—R. M. Lavalie and N. A. Beltrao v A. L. Famer and P. Wynter-Blyth (9.30 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

(RECREIO)

Men's Junior Singles:—H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung (7 p.m.); A. L. Fisher v Peter Lo or R. M. Lavalie (7.45 p.m.); N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.); J. L. Anderson v J. Hooi or E. Zimmerman (9.15 p.m.); E. Gillespie v D. Cheah or W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

MONDAY, MARCH 31

(KOWLOON C.C.)

Men's Senior Singles:—W. Gilles v K. W. Choy (7 p.m.); Patrick Wong v David Kwok (7.45 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles:—T. S. Young v P. A. Yvanovich or H. Dingsdale (10 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles:—M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low or J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (8.30 p.m.).

Men's Junior Doubles:—C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (9.15 p.m.).

### LEAGUE GAME OFF

Kowloon Tong received a walk over from Police in the "B" Division of the Badminton League last night when the visitors failed to field a team.

## TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES

K. H. Ip beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1.

OPEN DOUBLES

B. and I. Agafuroff beat Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming 6-2, 8-6.

G. Choa and A. V. Remedios beat A. H. Harris and M. J. Armstrong 6-2, 6-1.

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui beat F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling 6-4, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP

T. C. Monaghan beat P. Wynter-Blyth 6-3, 6-3.

## SAPPERS BEAT THE GUNNERS

Royal Engineers accomplished a very creditable performance yesterday in the semi-final of the Large Units Cricket competition, when they beat the powerful Royal Artillery team, in a thrilling game, by 11 runs.

Sappers batted first and, with Tropp, Ratcliffe and Megson batting well, 78 runs were on the board for the loss of only three wickets. Later batsmen did not fare so well, however, and the whole team were out for 128, T. A. Pearce taking 4 for 40 and Barsby 2 for 10.

Gunnors lost their first two wickets for four runs but a partnership between T. A. Pearce and H. Plummer then added 70 runs and it appeared any odds on the necessary runs being secured.

Megson and Denyer struck a length, however, and the last six wickets added only 43 runs.

Megson took three wickets in his last three overs for four runs to finish with 5 for 40.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Tropp, run out ..... 13

Ratcliffe, l.b.w., b T. A. Pearce ..... 28

Megson, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce ..... 30

Denyer, b T. A. Pearce ..... 10

Freeman, c Plummer, b T. A. Pearce ..... 0

Goss, b Barsby ..... 7

Bailey, c Allison, b Barsby ..... 3

Pelham, b Ward ..... 12

Holliday, c Barsby, b Plummer ..... 15

Samway, not out ..... 5

Extras (NB1) ..... 1

Total ..... 128

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Plummer ..... 6 0 32 1

Clague ..... 3 0 20 0

T. A. Pearce ..... 8 0 40 4

Dobbinson ..... 4 0 17 1

Barsby ..... 5 0 10 2

Ward ..... 2 0 8 1

Dobbinson bowled a no ball.

ROYAL ARTILLERY

Brig. McLeod, c and b Megson ..... 3

Lieut. Allison, st. b Tropp ..... 1

Lieut. T. A. Pearce, b Denyer ..... 36

Lieut. Plummer, b Megson ..... 43

Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, l.b.w., b Denyer ..... 9

Lieut. Clague, l.b.w., b Megson ..... 3

Major Temper, not out ..... 7

Capt. Skipwith, c Barsby, b Denyer ..... 0

L/Bdr. Barsby, c and b Denyer ..... 0

L/Bdr. Dobbinson, l.b.w., b Megson ..... 2

L/Bdr. Ward, b Megson ..... 1

Extras (B9, LB1, NB2) ..... 12

Total ..... 117

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Megson ..... 11 0 40 5

Tropp ..... 6 1 13 1

Denyer ..... 11 0 46 4

Holliday ..... 2 0 6 0

## COTTAGE CLUB'S HUNT

The Cottage Club will hold a paper hunt on Saturday, commencing at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many riders as possible will turn out for this event, details of which will be published later in the week. Ponies will be drawn for in the usual manner.

Signmr. Lithauer (Signals). Time: 5 min. 25 sec.

Long Jump:—1. Cpl. Morgan (R.A.S.C.). Distance: 18ft. 10½ in.

Throwing the Javelin:—1. Capt. Belton; 2. L/Sgt. Bedford (Signals) and 3. Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.). Distance: 127 ft. 7 in.

Invitation One Mile Medley Relay (200, 220, 440):—1. 1st Bn. Middlesex "A"; 2. 1st Bn. Middlesex "C"; and 3. 1st Bn. Middlesex "B". Time: 6 min. 24½ sec.

Throwing the Discus:—1. Signmr. Bennett (Signals); 2. Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.) and 3. L/Sgt. Bedford (Signals). Distance: 78 ft. 11½ in.

Three Miles:—1. Signmr. Lewis (Signals); 2. L.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.) and 3. Signmr. Lithauer (Signals). Time: 18 min. 30 sec.

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# SOUTH CHINA WIN FIRST DIVISION SOCCER TITLE

## Chan Tak-fai Scores Three Goals Against Police Losers Play Well In Closing Minutes

By "Referee"

SOUTH CHINA Athletic Association retained the First Division Soccer Championship when at Caroline Hill yesterday they defeated Police in their last League game by 4 goals to 2 after a goalless first half.

In spite of their defeat Police played well and were unfortunate not to score on several occasions. In the very first minute of the second half, Wong Man-kwai missed when well placed and, when Police were two down, Moss had the misfortune to see his shot hit the upright with Tam Kwan-kon hopelessly beaten.

Police were further handicapped by an early injury to Gordon, on the right wing, and though this player continued he was not able to give of his best, though he sent over some good centres in the closing minutes.

In the first half Police played like champions. The forwards were seen in several good movements and both Howlett and Ferrier were prominent while Wong Man-kwai was also dangerous.

Moss found the constant attentions of Tsang Chung-wan troublesome but played much better in the second period.

Tsang Wing, in Police goal, was safe with high shots and played a good game, bringing off some good saves and giving every indication of developing into a first class goalkeeper. Blackburn was again a tower of strength in the defence. He was not spectacular but put in a lot of hard and useful work and covered his halves well. His partner, Chang Kong-yui also did well but was not so safe under pressure and his clearances were, at times, at random.

### Gough Plays Well

Gough covered the centre of the field well and had Lee Wai-tong in close check but this left Chan Tak-fai and Chau Man-chi somewhat freer and the latter was a continual source of danger and worry to the Police defence.

Pope had a hard afternoon against Lee Shek-yau and was continually drawn out of position by Chau Man-chi while North more than held his own against Lee Tak-kee on the right wing.

Gordon, on the right wing, did all that was expected of him following his injury while it was only in the second period that Moss came into the picture on the left wing.

Howlett and Ferrier combined well and in the first half often had the Chinese defence entangled. Howlett showed good ball control but he did not have many chances against the Chinese defenders as Lam Tak-po had him well marked. Ferrier worked hard and with Howlett was the most dangerous of the Police forwards.

Wong Man-kwai had more of the ball but he spoiled many good movements by holding on to it too long while he was not in shooting form.

Lee Wai-tong was seen at his best in the later stages of the game when Police were making a desperate effort to score.

### Chan Man-Chi Schemes Well

The main schemer of the Chinese attack was Chau Man-chi. He showed good footwork and in the second half fed Lee Shek-yau well with long swinging passes and it was from the latter's centres that most of the Chinese goals accrued.

Lee Shek-yau was prominent in the second half but was woefully off form in the first half though he had several chances.

Lau Hing-choy and Lau Chung-sang were the pick of the

great stopper, while behind them Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung were safe. The latter played consistently well while the former was better in the first half.

Tam Kwan-kon did not have very much to do. He brought off a good save in the first half from Moss and generally played an improved game.

### The Scoring

After a scoreless first half, Police were given a great opportunity when Wong Man-kwai found himself in possession and in a favourable position, but shot wide. Play veered to the other end

and Chan Tak-fai fastened to a pass from Lee Shek-yau. He was tackled by three defenders but managed to place the ball out of Tsang Wing's reach. South China were another goal up a few minutes later through Chan Tak-fai and, following good work between Lee Shek-yau and Chau Man-chi, the latter sent in a hard drive which Tsang Wing touched but fumbled—the referee who was nearby adjudged it a goal.

South China were four goals in the lead after 10 minutes play and Chan Tak-fai registered his third goal from a pass from Lee Tak-kee.

South China were not resting on their lead but Police never gave up and Howlett, Wong Man-

kwai and Ferrier were hard-working in the attack.

A goal by Ferrier put life into the Police side in spite of being three goals in arrears and shortly after Moss reduced the lead with a good shot. With less than 10 minutes to go Police played well and went all out but in spite of their efforts were not able to score further.

**SOUTH CHINA**—Tsang Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

**POLICE**—Tsang Wing; Blackburn, Chan Kwon-yu; Pope, Gough, North; Gordon, Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Ferrier, Moss.

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# HUMANITARIAN AIM OF BRITISH BLOCKADE

Prof. Noel Hall On Purpose Of Saving Youth

## NO BOMBS ON ENGLAND IN DAYLIGHT

No bombs are reported to have been dropped anywhere on land in Britain during daylight yesterday and no alert was sounded in the evening.

There was some aerial activity over the British coast and in the morning a Dornier 17 was shot down into the North Sea. — Reuter.

## KING BORIS CAVORTS WITH NAZIS

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN MILITARY EXERCISES BY GERMAN ARMoured DIVISIONS. ACCORDING TO THE BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY QUOTED IN A SOFIA DESPATCH TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY. King Boris also took part in

## Quickest Way To End The War

"The biggest humanitarian problem in the war, namely to prevent the decimation of the young men of Britain, America and Europe," was how Professor Noel Hall described to Reuter yesterday his mission to Washington as representative of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

This blue-eyed, fair Economics Professor of London University, who since the war has been Joint Director of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, is a firm believer in the theory that the blockade is the most humane method of bringing the war to a victorious conclusion.

He declared "Europe cannot continue to exist as an economic unit without the use of the waterways in the surrounding oceans."

"If we can get American co-operation to maintain the pressure of blockade, it will save millions of British, American and European lives."

"The neurosis which has troubled Europe since the last Great War was largely due to the selective slaughter of young men."

He declared "Europe cannot continue to exist as an economic unit without the use of the waterways in the surrounding oceans."

### Real Effect

"In the role of blockade we are real humanitarians. We prefer neutral nations to cooperate with our policy, instead of having to detain ships for examination."

"We can give inter-nation trading facilities to nations which conform to human, democratic standards."

Professor Hall described the position of the Vichy Government, "potentially an ally under very great pressure from an unscrupulous enemy," as very fluid.

Discussions as regards the admission of supplies from the Americans were proceeding with the United States Government, which had diplomatic representation in France and therefore were better able to judge the situation than the British. — Reuter.

### NEW ANGLO-TURKISH TALKS ON THE BALKANS

(Continued from Page 1)

#### Re-Emphasised

Announcing the meeting, a communique issued in Cairo last night stated: "They reviewed various developments in the international situation which have taken place since Mr. Eden's visit to Ankara last month and re-emphasised the complete identity of views which exists between their two Governments."

"Highly satisfactory to both sides," was the description applied in authoritative British quarters in Cairo to the meeting.

In the fortnight since their previous meeting at Ankara, much has happened; it was therefore natural that the Ministers should meet to discuss the progress made.

CYPRUS PAID A WARM WELCOME TO THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS IN WHICH THE GREEK, BRITISH AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES ENTHUSIASTICALLY JOINED IN.

### DR. SARAJOGLU CLARIFIES STAND

"We shall have a common victory. Meanwhile we are rejoicing at your victories as if they were our own," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, to the special correspondent of the Athens newspaper "Ethnos" in Ankara yesterday.

Greek deeds are magnificent and provide a glorious page in the history of humanity.

"I am optimistic as regards the future and am convinced the results will be good. We shall probably have to go through new trials but this matters little to our people."

In conclusion Dr. Sarajoglu sent "my heartiest greetings to Greece." — Reuter.

The heavy increase in coal prices was submitted at the annual meeting of shareholders this morning of the H.K. Electric Company as justification for the increased charges to consumers recently announced.

It was also revealed that the new capital to be raised will be transmitted to London and used for the purchase of War Loan.



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# EVENTS MOVING IN BALKANS

Reports Of Soviet Pledge To Turkey

## JAPANESE DEMANDS IN HANOI

Rumoured

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was rumoured in Kwong Chow Wan last night that the Japanese Mission in French Indo-China has presented the Government with a new Note containing fresh demands.

The Note, it is rumoured, demands that all airfields and aerodromes, military and private, be handed over to the control of the Japanese.

Second, that the French Indo-China Government pay for the upkeep of Japanese forces on Indo-China soil.

Third, that all French armed forces be demobilised.

Fourth, that Japanese firms be granted certain mining concessions, and

Fifth, that Japanese advisers be appointed to all government departments. — Our Own Correspondent.

## Early Nazi Attack On Greece Expected

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ATTENTION HAS BECOME SHARPLY FOCUSED UPON THE BALKANS, IN EXPECTATION OF EARLY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS, AS A RESULT OF THE EDEN-SARAJOGLU MEETING IN CYPRUS AND BERLIN INDICATIONS THAT GERMANY'S RELATIONS WITH GREECE HAVE MOVED FROM THE DIPLOMATIC TO THE MILITARY SPHERE.

The warm tone of the communique issued following Mr. Anthony's Eden's further talk with the Turkish Foreign Minister, and M. Sarajoglu's message to Greece is viewed as removing any vestige of doubt that Turkey's policy is clearly defined.

It was reported in Budapest last night, with what authority is not clear, that Soviet Russia has given Turkey a pledge of neutrality should Turkey become involved in war with Germany as a result of Nazi extension of war to the Balkans.

Suggestion is that the Moscow assurance has freed Turkey's hand.

Rumours continue to circulate regarding the German negotiations with Yugoslavia and the reports of imminent departure to Berlin of Yugoslavian representatives are repeated.

### Belgrade Stand

Nothing from Belgrade, however, indicates that Yugoslavia has weakened from her determination not to sign adherence to the Tripartite Pact nor to permit the passage of German troops or munitions.

Indications are that German moves against Greece cannot much longer be delayed. — International News Service.

## NO MORE DESTROYERS FOR BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

No more destroyers will be released to Britain, Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary for Navy, told the press in Washington yesterday.

Further naval aid, he added, would consist of light naval craft, including mosquito torpedo-boats, submarine chasers, yachts, fast motorboats and other small vessels.

Col. Knox declined to comment on a newspaper story read to the House of Representatives by Representative Mundt, asserting that British warships would arrive at Norfolk (Virginia) Navy Yard next week for repairs. — International News Service.

## COLONEL ANDREINI KILLED

Colonel Enrico Andreini, well-known in Shanghai where he was commander of the Italian force of Savoy Grenadiers stationed there from 1937 to 1938, was killed in action in Albania during the early stages of the Italo-Greek conflict.

The report of Col. Andreini's death has reached Italian circles in Tokyo, a Japanese report says. — Reuter.

## VIOLENT RAID ON LONDON

An earlier alert than for some time was sounded in the London area last night, and almost immediately afterwards gunfire was heard.

It was early evident that London was to be the German main objective for night raids.

As planes flew over the capital together the drone of engines was very loud, indicating either low-flying or a larger number of aircraft than usually operate over the capital at one time.

After a lively start the attack gradually grew sharper. Gunfire was extremely heavy and one observer considered it the most intensive this year.

Flashes lit the sky in increasing numbers.

HOUSES IN MORE THAN ONE AREA WERE HIT BY HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS AND RESCUE SQUADS RUSHED TO RELEASE PEOPLE TRAPPED BENEATH WRECKAGE. — REUTER.

## RUMANIAN LANDSLIDE

A LANDSLIDE OCCURRED IN THE BURZAN DISTRICT OF RUMANIA, CENTRE OF THE DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE A FEW WEEKS AGO, STATED A BUCHAREST DESPATCH RECEIVED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY.

As a result of this and previous landslides, the contours of the country have been changed and

new hills have been formed while many streams have altered their courses. — Reuter.

## U.S. PACIFIC FLEET TO BE KEPT AT FULL STRENGTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT NAVAL STRENGTH IN THE PACIFIC TO DEAL WITH ANY FAR EAST EMERGENCY, DESPITE THE BRITISH AID PROGRAMME, DECLARED SENATOR GEORGE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

An assurance that there would be no emasculation of the Pacific Fleet under the Lease and Lend programme was given by Senator George in an interview with International News.

"That the President will provide all possible aid to Britain I do not doubt but I do not think there will be any emasculation of the Navy as it now exists, especially in the Pacific."

Senator Thomas concurred in Senator George's views, saying:

"We will always maintain in the Pacific a force of sufficient strength to deal with any emergency in the Pacific area regardless of demands that may be made on the Fleet by the Lease and Lend programme." — International News Service.



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# Colossal Burden Placed On Europe By Nazi Machine

## BUT HE DID NOT SAY WHOSE BOUNDARIES

The present negotiations between Germany and Soviet Russia are concerned with boundary adjustments, said the German Foreign Office spokesman in Berlin yesterday.

The spokesman added that the visit of the Soviet Ambassador to the Wilhelmstrasse yesterday was a matter of usual routine.—Reuter.

## ST. LAWRENCE POWER PLAN

A new agreement between the United States and Canada to begin work on the big St. Lawrence navigation and power project, was announced in Washington and Ottawa yesterday.

It will be presented to Congress and the Canadian Parliament simultaneously on Friday.

Immediate objectives are to increase production of the International Rapids section of the river and provide an outlet for shipbuilding facilities in the Great Lakes area.—Reuter.

## FINE WORK OF INDIAN TROOPS

AN OFFICER OF THE INDIAN ARMY WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO NEW DELHI FROM THE MIDDLE EAST THEATRE OF WAR SAID YESTERDAY THAT SOLDIERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES FORMED AN EXCEEDINGLY HIGH OPINION OF THE INDIAN SOLDIER.

Indian officers, such as Garwhals, Baluchis, Mahrattas, Sikhs, Pathans and Madrasis, including men from Dehra Dun and also Viceroy's commissioned officers, all did exceedingly well and compared very favourably with those from other parts of the Empire.—Reuter.

## TWO-OCEAN NAVY VOTE FOR SENATE

THE U.S. SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE \$3,447,000,000 BILL TO HELP FINANCE AMERICA'S TWO-OCEAN NAVY.

The Bill, which provides for the construction of six new-type battle-cruisers, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate begins consideration to-day.—Reuter.

## INDIAN CONFERENCE

A military conference of rulers and representatives of States maintaining Indian State forces discussed in New Delhi yesterday matters relating to enhancing the value of the State forces' cooperation during the war. Unanimous decisions were reached.—Reuter.

## STRIKING FIGURES REVEALED IN COMMONS

THE ENORMITY of the burden placed on the occupied countries by Germany was disclosed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Total annual amount of German depredation is estimated at £1,150,000,000, apart from indirect losses to occupied territories and burdens on countries for which no estimates are available.

The cash burden, said Mr. Butler, was about £1,050,000,000 and additional to this were obligations in kind.

Norway had to pay an annual sum of £68,000,000, equal to about £25 per head of the population.

Comparative figures for Denmark were a total of £26,000,000 and £8 per head, for Belgium a total of £75,000,000 and £8 per head, Holland a total of £54,000,000 and £6 per head, and France a total of £827,000,000 and £20 per head.

In addition, Mr. Butler continued, Germany received amounts from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria, but no estimates were available.

Norway's burden was the heaviest, amounting to over one-third of her pre-war national income.

### Interesting Reminder

Mr. Butler recalled that the maximum annual demand from Germany ever contemplated under the Young Plan was £125,000,000, or less than one-third of the present French payment.

A further burden, Mr. Butler said, comprises exports from occupied countries to Germany. They are obliged to send more goods to Germany than they receive in return, and the surplus is paid for in "blocked marks" from which no benefit is derived nor is likely to be derived in future.

Even though the occupied territories have already been denuded of most of the readily exportable surpluses, Mr. Butler added, the total annual loss to the Western occupied territories may still be estimated at about £100,000,000.—Reuter.

## OIL DISPUTE WITH MEXICO

Hitherto no suggestion for a fair and equitable settlement has been made by the Mexican Government in connection with the expropriation of foreign oil property.

This statement was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question.

Mr. Butler was further asked, "When is this unfortunate affair expected to be settled?"

He replied: "When a suggestion is made to us for a fair and equitable settlement."—Reuter.

## ADMIRAL ESTEVA IN VICHY

Admiral Esteva, Resident-General of Tunis, arrived in Vichy yesterday to confer with members of the French Government, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

## French Hopes Of America

France's hopes of American aid to relieve her food shortage, were voiced by Marshal Petain in a broadcast speech at Grenoble yesterday.

The Government, he said, had a heavy task and was specially concerned with the shortage of supplies and stocks.

"We are counting greatly on American aid to relieve the shortage," he declared.

France was undergoing great difficulties and her life was threatened with still severer measures but "we are working more and producing more."—Reuter.

## KING BORIS CAVORTS WITH NAZIS

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN MILITARY EXERCISES BY GERMAN ARMoured DIVISIONS, ACCORDING TO THE BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY QUOTED IN A SOFIA DISPATCH TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

King Boris also took part in operations by German air squadrons yesterday when he was accompanied by his brother, Prince Cyril, and the Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff.—Reuter.

## COMMUNAL CLASH AT DACCA

Nine are reported to have been killed and 87 wounded in communal clashes in Dacca arising from a bazaar brawl which led to arson.

Police later fired on a mob attempting to set fire to a shop, and nine were wounded.—Reuter.

## ENTRY OF JEWS INTO PALESTINE

Mr. G. Hall, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, disclosed in the House of Commons yesterday that hitherto permits have been issued for 700 Rumanian Jews to go to Palestine.

Mr. Hall forebadowed the possibility of similar action regarding Bulgarian Jews.—Reuter.

## SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR VOTE PASSED

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed the Bill appropriating £1,750,000,000 for the purposes of the Lease and Lend Act.

Voting in favour of the appropriation was 366 to 55.—Reuter.

## NAZIS UNEASY OVER RAID ON LOFOTEN

The Lofoten raid by British and Norwegian naval units caused the greatest alarm among the Germans, who are constantly fearing a repetition of that spectacular exploit.

The German military authorities are planning to place garrisons on all of the hundreds of islets along the Norwegian coast, according to information from Norway reaching the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

If this plan is put into operation a very large number of German troops will be immobilised.—Reuter.

## SWABUE MENACED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Swabue is now threatened with invasion by the Japanese and all preparations are being made for evacuation by Government offices and merchants.

Ten Japanese warships, transports and an aircraft carrier, have been observed in the vicinity.

Planes from the aircraft carrier have been carrying out reconnaissance work and bombing communication lines.

Swabue was also bombed.—Our Own Correspondent.

## FORGED NOTE CASE SENTENCE

Mo Fut-song, 24, unlicensed hawker, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Jowry this morning, for unlawful possession of two forged \$10 notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, one \$10 note of the Chartered Bank, and a \$1 note of the Hong Kong Government.

Detective-Sergeant J. MacDonald said he raided No. 34, Tai Yuen Street on Tuesday, at about 5:15 p.m. When entering, he saw defendant take a packet from his pocket and throw it from the verandah. He sent a Chinese detective out to pick it up, and in it were the forged banknotes mentioned in the charge.

## AUSTRALIA'S NEEDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Australian Minister in Washington, Mr. Casey, is reported to be compiling a list of Australian requirements for the prosecution of the war under the Lease and Lend Bill.—International News Service.

## BRITISH REQUEST OF U.S.

Britain has asked for the use of United States navy yards.

This information was given yesterday by the U.S. Secretary for Navy, Col. Frank Knox, in a statement to the press.

The United States Navy had some facilities which the British might use, he added, but no action had yet been taken in connection with the request, which was made during the past three or four days.

Col. Knox declined to elaborate on the statement beyond the fact that the request had been made.

HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S FIRST AID TO BRITAIN WOULD BE TO SUPPLY LIGHT VESSELS SUCH AS SUBMARINE CHASERS, MOTOR TORPEDO-BOATS AND OTHER VESSELS OF THE "MOSQUITO" TYPE.—REUTER.

## DR. KLEFFENS SEES PRES. ROOSEVELT

Dr. Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, conferred with President Roosevelt just before the latter left for a brief holiday, and it is understood the Netherlands East Indies were among subjects discussed.

On leaving the White House yesterday Dr. Kleffens said he had talked with the President regarding the situation in the Netherlands.

He praised highly the President's efforts for the Allies as well as his work in connection with the Lease and Lend Bill as an admirable instance of his governing capacity.—Reuter.

## U.S. NAVAL CRUISE IN PACIFIC

COMMENTING ON THE "TRAINING CRUISE" OF FOUR UNITED STATES CRUISERS AND NINE DESTROYERS TO AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PORTS, COL. KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY FOR NAVY, SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS "VERY CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRALIA AND GREATLY IN SYMPATHY WITH HER ASPIRATIONS."

With the exceptions of those whose movements had already been publicised there were no more United States naval vessels in the south Pacific, he added. Those in the Antipodes would return shortly to Honolulu.—Reuter.

## ROOSEVELT HOLIDAY

President Roosevelt was scheduled to leave Washington yesterday on a brief holiday.

He was to embark on the yacht Potomac at an unnamed port in Florida. The yacht will be escorted by two destroyers.

All details of the trip are being kept secret.—Reuter.



# JAPAN'S SCHEMES IN EAST ASIA

## Mr. Quo Tai-chi Gives Warning In London

### SHEFFIELD WOMAN'S SPEECH

When Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, inspected an engineering works yesterday at Sheffield, he was welcomed by Miss Marion Helliwell, who, starting at a wage of 12 shillings a week, is now one of the senior directors.

Presenting Mr. Menzies with a small gift, Miss Helliwell in a spontaneous speech said of the Nazis: "They may bomb our homes, they may bomb our factories, but the skill of our hands and the spirit of beauty, love and kindness cannot be taken from us."

Later in the day Mr. Menzies told a gathering of industrial and civic leaders that the speech was one of the highlights of his tour.

"That is the spirit of the people of this country," he said. "I have seen in little back streets, people whose homes have been bombed but after the first shock I do not think that one person who has been through suffering even if you search the country with a microscope would be prepared to say other than 'I am prepared to carry on. I shall go on suffering but my children's children are not going to suffer. Therefore we shall carry on and win.'" British Wireless.

### Aggression Delayed Not Abandoned

**LET NO-ONE MISTAKE THAT JAPAN'S PROGRAMME HAS BEEN IN ANY WAY ABANDONED, DECLARED MR. QUO TAI-CHI, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, SPEAKING AT THE FABIAN SOCIETY LUNCHEON IN LONDON YESTERDAY.**

"Japan is only waiting a favourable moment to take the plunge in the hope of sharing the spoils with her Nazi partners, but I can assure you that China will not listen to any specious peace proposals designed only to extricate Japan for further aggressions."

Mr. Quo also declared "China remains unconquered and more than ever unconquerable. We have been a bit tougher and even more resilient than the world expected."

"China is blessed with a brilliant leader. We have our Chiang Kai-shek, as you have your Winston Churchill and the Americans have their Franklin Roosevelt."

"China has more than doubled her military strength since the war against Japan began. We are self-sufficient in all arms except planes and heavy guns, which have to be imported and are essential to a general counter-

offensive which may come sooner than might be expected."

#### Noxious Doctrine

"China has really borne the brunt of the mechanised aggression. She has led the van in armed resistance to the noxious doctrine that could not be checked by reasoning."

"From the beginning we have felt we are fighting for others as well as for ourselves, although for more than two years we fought a rather lonely fight."

"The world belatedly realises now what we asserted a decade ago about Japan's programme of aggression."

Mr. Quo did not deny friction between the Government and the Communists though he said it was greatly exaggerated by Japanese propaganda.

#### Internal Unity

Moreover, he was confident the Communists, realising the supreme necessity of internal unity, would continue to afford the Government cooperation and support such as they pledged themselves to do when the war began.

After surveying Chinese military success in the past six months, Mr. Quo drew special attention to the almost miraculous development of the natural riches of south-west and north-west China since the Chinese Government was established at Chungking, the consequences of which for China's future influence in Asia might well outweigh all other fruits of the war.

#### Fine Form

The Ambassador, whose reputation as an orator has long been established in London, was in fine fighting form.

The large audience generally agreed he had never delivered a better speech, which was punctuated with continual applause, especially the references to President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill and the formidable growth of the Chinese forces which are now holding a million Japanese inextricably bogged in China.—Reuter.

### BRITISH GUIANA WAR GIFT

A further £1,000 has been collected by the local committee in British Guiana towards the cost of bomber and fighter planes.—British Wireless.

Another Newfoundland artillery contingent arrived at a West Coast port yesterday where they were welcomed by the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner.—British Wireless.

### NO ITALIAN REQUEST FOR SAFE CONDUCT

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, dealt in the House of Commons yesterday with the question of Italian non-combatants in Abyssinia.

Mr. Butler recalled that an Italian request for a safe conduct was a prerequisite for British action, and no such request had been made.—Reuter.

### CAROL SENDS AN EMISSARY

Ex-King Carol and Mme. Lupescu's luggage and four dogs which they left behind at Seville when they escaped to Portugal, are being collected by the Portuguese Count de Mofra, who has arrived in Seville from Lisbon.

The Count is also settling Carol's outstanding accounts. He first had an interview with the Chief of the Seville Police.—Reuter.

### NEW CHIEF SCOUT APPOINTED

Lord Somers, who recently succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of Great Britain, has now been appointed Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth, says Reuter from London.

### CREDITS FOR FREE FRANCE

The British Government has formally agreed to provide credits for financing the Free French war effort.

This is one of two agreements just reached between the British Government and General de Gaulle.

The second agreement deals with foreign exchange questions between the British Empire and the Free French Empire. It re-establishes the pre-Armistice parity between the pound and franc at 170.625.

Each Colony can freely dispose of foreign exchange proceeds of exports and gold production under the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, which will be in a position if necessary to use the surplus exchange resources of one colony to meet the deficit of another, or for the Free French forces as a whole.—Reuter.

### NAZI DELEGATION TO CASABLANCA

The German delegation recently sent to Casablanca is said to consist of about 60 men.

This was stated by the Foreign Under-Secretary replying to a Commons question in which he also said that delegations of the German Armistice Commission are established in Algiers, Tunis and in the French zone of Morocco.—British Wireless.

## HEAVY RAIDS ON GERMANY'S NAVAL BASES

NOW THAT THE Battle of the Atlantic has begun, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the two main naval bases in Germany, are more than ever vital to the enemy's war efforts, and both were heavily attacked by aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Tuesday night, says the Air Ministry news service.

The weather was most unfavourable, with much cloud and haze, but by skilful navigation and persistence in the face of a fierce barrage at both towns, the British aircraft were able to drop a great load of high explosives and incendiary bombs on docks, shipbuilding yards and industrial centres of these ports.

Raid on Kiel began soon after 9 o'clock and lasted well into the early hours of the morning. Incendiaries, aimed at times when the clouds parted, caused a number of fires and these made a mark for aircraft which followed in quick succession.

As larger bombs went down the flash of the explosion was vividly reflected on the clouds.

Towards the end of the raid it was evident that large fires had got a firm hold and even though the weather was thick, the crews of the British aircraft could see the bright glare in the sky over Kiel for many miles on the homeward journey.

#### Bursts In Docks

At Wilhelmshaven it was easier to observe results of the bombing and at times visibility was reasonably good.

There were many bursts in the area of the docks and shipyards and fires, both large and small.

As on several recent nights, Bomber Command aircraft continued to deplete Germany's store of oil in Rotterdam harbour.

Here, there was no good deal of brown haze, but visibility often was very good.

Oil tanks in the harbour were recognised by the light of flares and soon there was one large and three small fires burning, which rapidly merged into the single big fire.—British Wireless.

### H.K. 'OBSTRUCTION' REMOVED

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS SHAKEN--BY GUSTS OF LAUGHTER

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, irritated by a notice on railway carriages of otherwise crowded trains reading "Not For Public Use," ventilated their sense of grievance in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Their resentment dissolved in roars of laughter, however, following the explanation of the Transport Minister, Col. Moore-Brabazon.

Being pressed to state what the special reasons for these reservations were, the Minister said: "The list is rather a curious one. It includes broken windows, infectious diseases, and corpses."

The House tittered and the Minister continued: "It also includes lunatics and high Service officials." The House laughed.

The Minister concluded: "And, finally, it includes convicts and Cabinet Ministers."

The House roared and continued in open hilarity when Labour members asked how railway officials managed to distinguish between all these categories. Reuter.

## FIELD-MARSHAL MANNERHEIM SERIOUSLY ILL

Field-Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, virtual founder of modern Finland, who commanded the Finnish forces against Russia in 1939, became ill some days ago, states a Helsinki despatch received in Berlin. He is 73.—Reuter.

## JOINING THE FREE FRENCH FORCES

The first batch of volunteers from French India left Pondicherry last night to join the Free French forces, says a Reuter cable.

## WEDDING THIS AFTERNOON

The wedding of Mr. William Garland Long and Miss Florence Margaret Fowler will take place at St. John's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler, and the bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Long, of Mundaring, Western Australia.

For her wedding dress, the bride has chosen a tight fitting bodice of ivory French satin worked with silver thread (Elizabethan style) and a circular train, with a long circular veil and a halo of ostrich feathers.

The bride will carry a bouquet of lilies, tea roses and maiden-hair fern.

The Misses Norah Witchell and Allison Fisher are to be bridesmaids, wearing "Ave de Nil" taffeta frocks, and straw hats with long white ostrich feathers. They will carry bouquets of white carnations and maiden-hair fern.

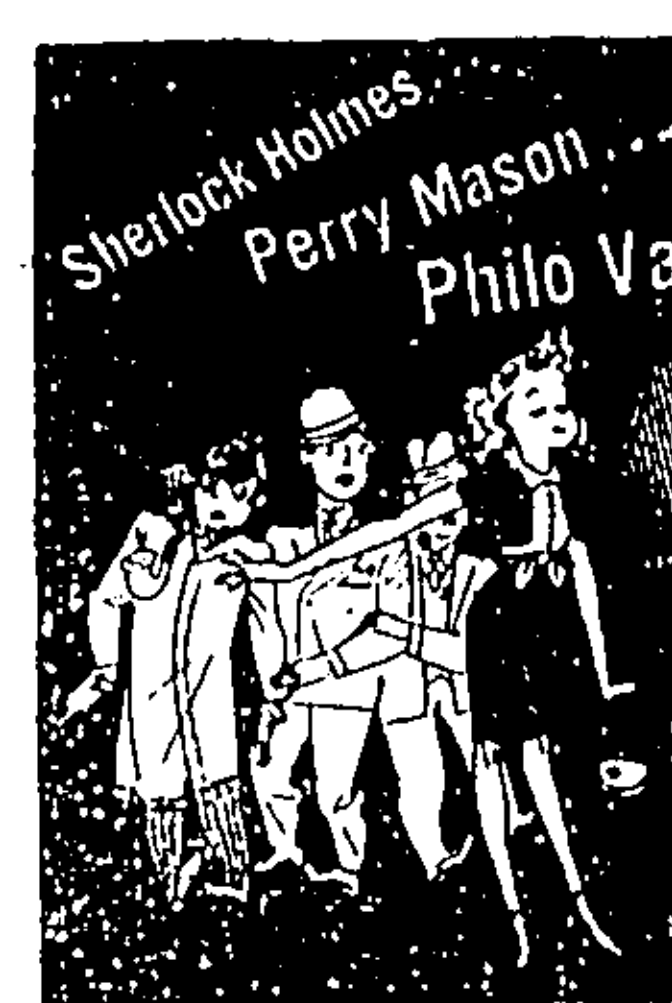
Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel. The couple will leave later for Repulse Bay, preparatory to going to Shanghai for the honeymoon.

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## MOTOR ACCIDENT SEQUEL

Sgt. Peter Oliver Guild, of Central Police Station, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for dangerous driving in Repulse Bay Road, and with driving under the influence of drink.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios pleaded not guilty.

Traffic Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke conducted the prosecution.

Sgt. G. Frver, of the Traffic Office, in evidence, said that at about 7 p.m. on February 23, he received a report of a traffic accident in Repulse Bay Road.

He went out and found car No. 4225, owned by accused, badly damaged, and broken glass scattered over the road. He saw accused but did not talk to him. He visited accused in his quarters at about 10 p.m. and found him sound asleep. Accused was taken to Queen Mary Hospital for examination.

Dr. Kwan Siu-ye, of Queen Mary Hospital, said he examined accused at about 11 p.m. on February 23. He certified that accused "had been drinking."

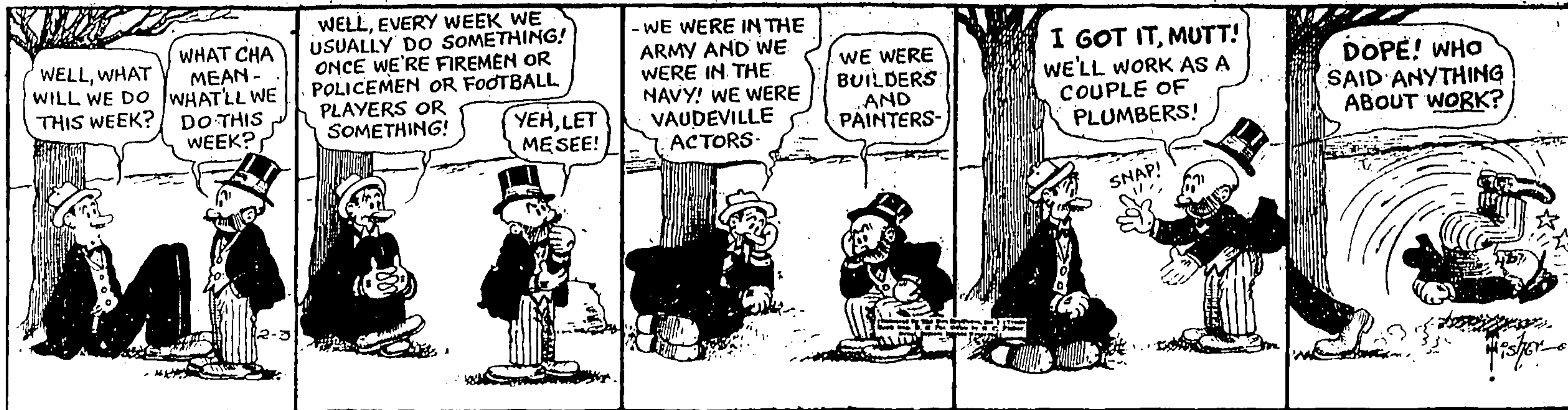
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# American 'Planes In China

Forty American 'planes have arrived in China from the United States, according to a Chinese press report in Shanghai. The consignment is stated to be part of 100 aircraft for which the Chinese Government had asked the United States.

In addition, the United States is reported to have agreed to sell four "Flying Fortresses" to China, and the Chungking Government hopes to reorganise its air force with American aid. It is also reported in Shanghai that over 300 Japanese troops were killed at Wuhsing, in Hupeh Province, when Japanese 'planes mistakenly bombed their own troops. Reuter.

## A CORRECTION

Our report yesterday of the case in which Lo Kung-yin was charged with the murder of his infant son stated inaccurately that a verdict of Guilty But Insane was returned. In fact, the case did not proceed to trial, the Jury, on the medical evidence, and on the Chief Justice's summing-up, finding that the accused was unfit to plead.

# Quickest Way To End The War

"The biggest humanitarian problem in the war, namely to prevent the decimation of the young men of Britain, America and Europe," was how Professor Noel Hall described to Reuter yesterday his mission to Washington as representative of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

This blue-eyed, fair Economics Professor of London University, who since the war has been Joint Director of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, is a firm believer in the theory that the blockade is the most humane method of bringing the war to a victorious conclusion.

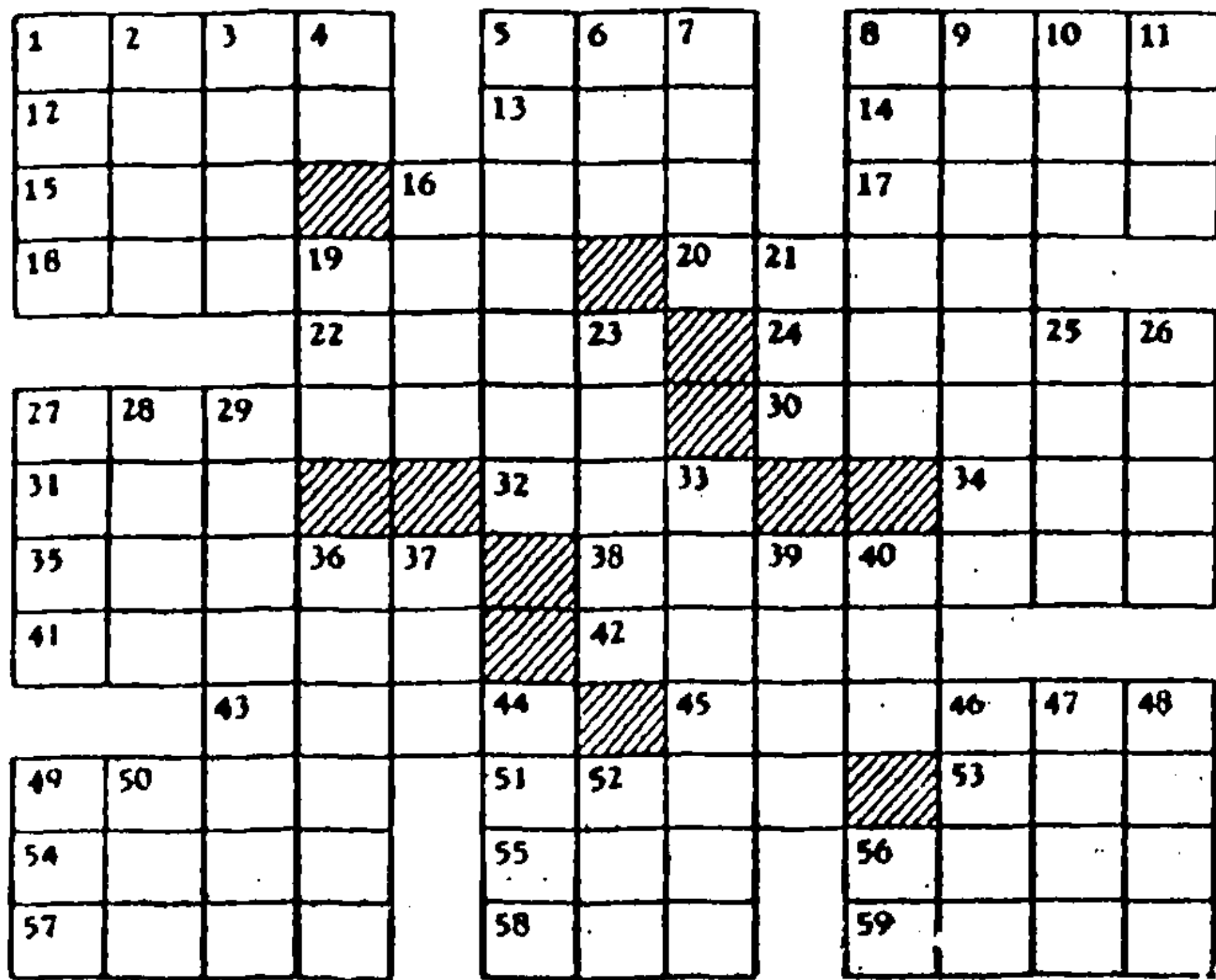
He declared: "Europe cannot continue to exist as an economic unit without the use of the waterways in the surrounding oceans. "If we can get American co-operation to maintain the pressure of blockade, it will save millions of British, American and European lives. "The neurosis which has troubled Europe since the last Great War was largely due to the selective slaughter of young men.

## Real Effect

"In the role of blockade we are real humanitarians. We prefer neutral nations to cooperate with our policy, instead of having to detain ships for examination. "We can give inter-nation trading facilities to nations which conform to human, democratic standards."

Professor Hall described the position of the Vichy Government, "potentially an ally under very great pressure from an unscrupulous enemy," as very fluid. Discussions as regards the admission of supplies from the Americans were proceeding with the United States Government, which had diplomatic representation in France and therefore were better able to judge the situation than the British.—Reuter.

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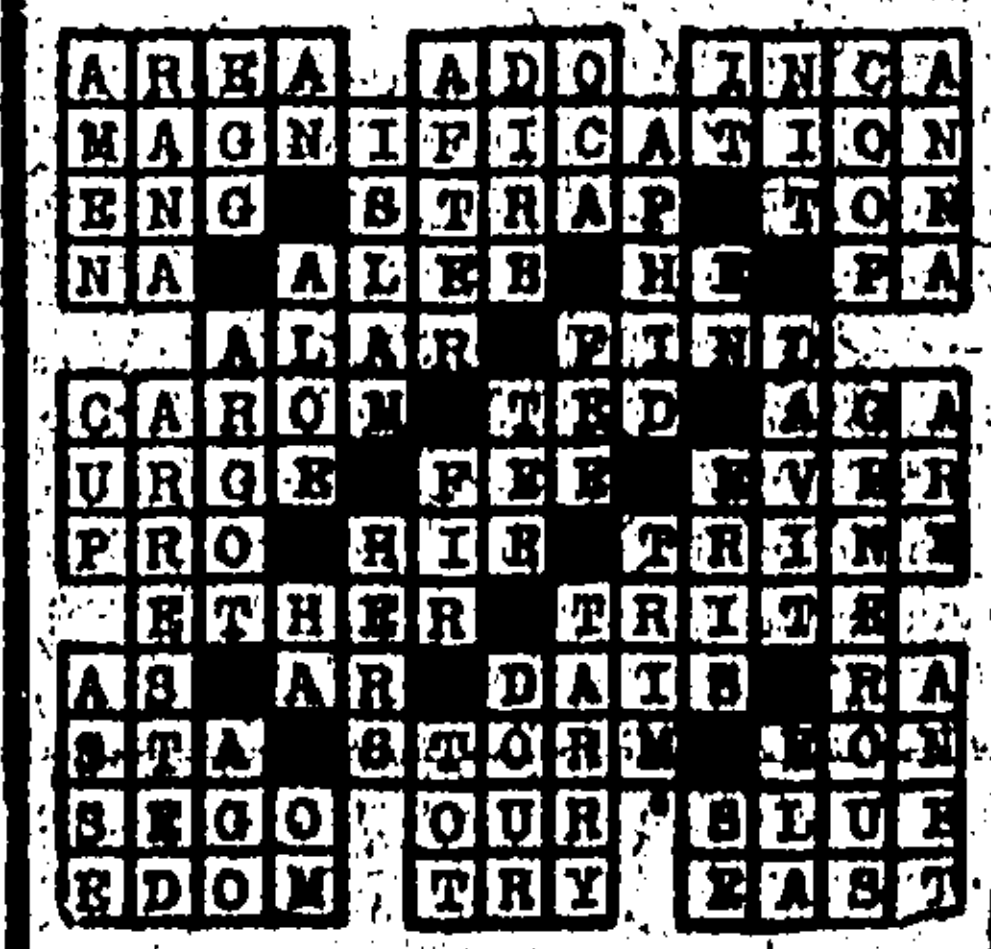
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Leaf
- 5 To mend
- 8 Snare
- 12 Dye plant
- 13 Swiss canton
- 14 Network
- 15 Conjunction
- 16 To whirl
- 17 To affirm
- 18 Springing gait
- 20 Trigonometrical ratio
- 22 God of love
- 24 Meager
- 27 To propose
- 30 Affray
- 31 Humming-bird
- 32 Period of
- 34 First woman
- 35 Animal skins
- 38 Eschewed
- 41 Drawing-room
- 42 Magic stick
- 43 Dash
- 45 Greek mythological character
- 49 Fibre plant
- 51 Heraldic bearing
- 53 Part of "to be"

### VERTICAL

- 1 Ache
- 2 Ox of Celebes
- 3 Lass
- 4 Spanish article
- 5 To imagine
- 6 Silkworm
- 7 Triumphs
- 8 Daze
- 9 Uncovered
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- 19 Lower limb
- 21 Doctrine
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- 25 Glacial snow
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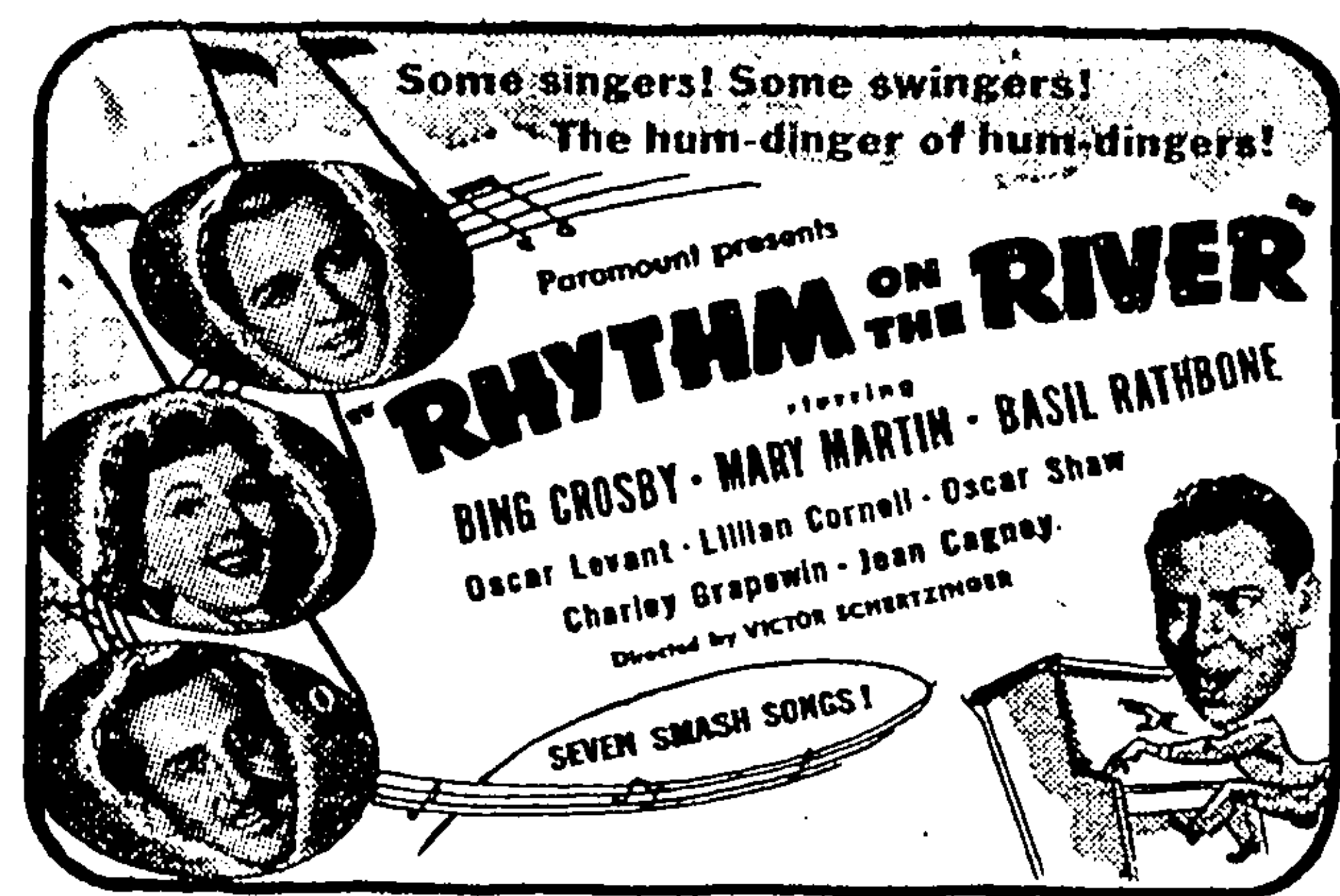
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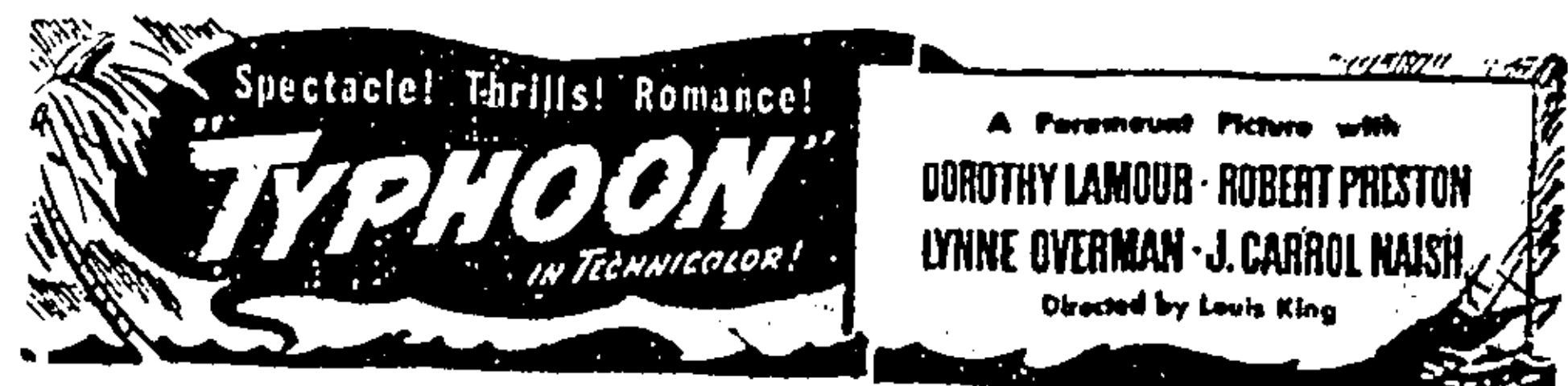
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## STANLEY RAID DISCLOSURE

RESIDENTS OF SHAMSHUI-PO, MONGKOK, YAUMATI, THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, WAN-CHAI, AND SHAUKIWAN, WERE AMONG 63 CHINESE, MEN AND WOMEN, ARRESTED LAST NIGHT IN A GAMBLING RAID AT NO. 12, MAIN STREET, STANLEY.

As a result of the raid, four men, alleged keepers of the establishment, were each fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, and two others, who pleaded that they were "employed to watch for the Police" were each fined \$50, or six weeks' imprisonment. Of 57 others, mostly women, charged with gambling, 13 failed to turn up and bail of \$10 each estreated, while the remainder were each fined \$10. A sum of \$110.20, plucked by during the raid was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

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# INDIAN DIVISION AND ENGLISH TROOPS ATTACK IN A STORM

A CORRESPONDENT with the Middle East Army writes that an Indian division who took part in the initial stages of the campaign in Cyrenaica, a Scottish Highland regiment and English Fusiliers, took part in the attack on a well fortified Italian position among the mountains forming a strong natural defence for Keren.

Preparations for the attack had gone on in blinding rain and a terrific thunderstorm. As the correspondents approached the area they had taken the thunder for gunfire and had feared they might be too late to watch the battle.

A strong wind was blowing when zero hour -7 a.m. last Saturday—was reached.

The British guns opened up with a terrific roar as shells were poured on the Italian positions in mountains of varying altitudes from 1,400 to 6,000 feet.

The advance was rendered all the more difficult as the only road to Keren available had been blown up where it winds through narrow mountain defiles and every now and again exploding charges of dynamite sent avalanches of rocks hurtling on to it.

R.A.F. bombers, with their customary mastery of the skies in this area, took part in the attack and bombed the Italian positions, the natural strength of which had been increased by fortifications and barbed wire.

## Roasting Rocks

From our observation post — we were lying on roasting rocks in a temperature of 105 degrees — it was possible to see British shells bursting with unerring accuracy among the Italian positions.

The artillery barrage raged for three hours after which Imperial troops advancing behind a smoke screen made contact with an Italian force composed of 25,000, among whom was a division of crack Savoia Grenadiers and accompanying Alpine experts.

The battle raged throughout the day. By noon the now usual flow of prisoners began to arrive and were being shepherd to prepared camps.

Palestinian units also played a part in the fighting.—British Wireless.

## ITALIAN SEIZURE OF HOSTAGES

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NATURALLY CONDEMNED THE ITALIAN ARMY TAKING AS HOSTAGES 200 GREEKS AND 250 ALBANIANS IN EPIRUS AND SOUTHERN ALBANIA, SAID MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The hostages consisted of leading citizens, priests, women, children and old men, who were marched to concentration camps.

The action was contrary to International Law, Mr. Butler said.—Reuter.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON TEPELINI

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, has sent a telegram to the Greek Prime Minister, expressing great pleasure at the further brilliant success of the Greeks in repelling the recent heavy Italian attacks.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN ATTACKS SMASHED

"THE GREEK REPLY TO LOCAL ATTACKS BY ITALIAN TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT ON TUESDAY WAS QUICK AND DRASTIC. ATTACKING DETACHMENTS ALL BEING DRIVEN BACK AND SUSTAINING HEAVY LOSSES."

This statement by the Greek Press Ministry was broadcast by Athens radio last night.

It was stated the attacks were preceded in each case by a fairly heavy artillery barrage.—Reuter.

## Greek Communique

Last night's Greek High Command communique said that Italian offensive action in the central sector of the Albanian front, supported by tanks, and another minor action in the northern sector, have been repulsed, prisoners taken and three tanks destroyed.

The communique states that a company of Italian attacking forces was cut off and trapped in the converging fire of Greek automatic weapons and artillery, and completely wiped out. As a result of successful operations the Greeks captured a number of prisoners in the Acos Valley.

All is quiet in the interior of the country.—Reuter.

## SHORTAGE OF POLICE IN COLONY

IN VIEW OF THE ABNORMAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THE COLONY, THE STRENGTH OF THE FORCE BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE, STATES THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, ISSUED TO-DAY.

The Commissioner takes the opportunity of thanking the Police Reserve who have "rendered valuable services by providing trained reserves for duty daily to make up for the shortage of regular Police."

Included in the Report is a graph for the years 1931 to 1939, the salient features of which are the indications that population has increased by 111% serious crime by 123%; while the number of police per 10,000 inhabitants decreased from 23 in 1921 to 12 in 1939.

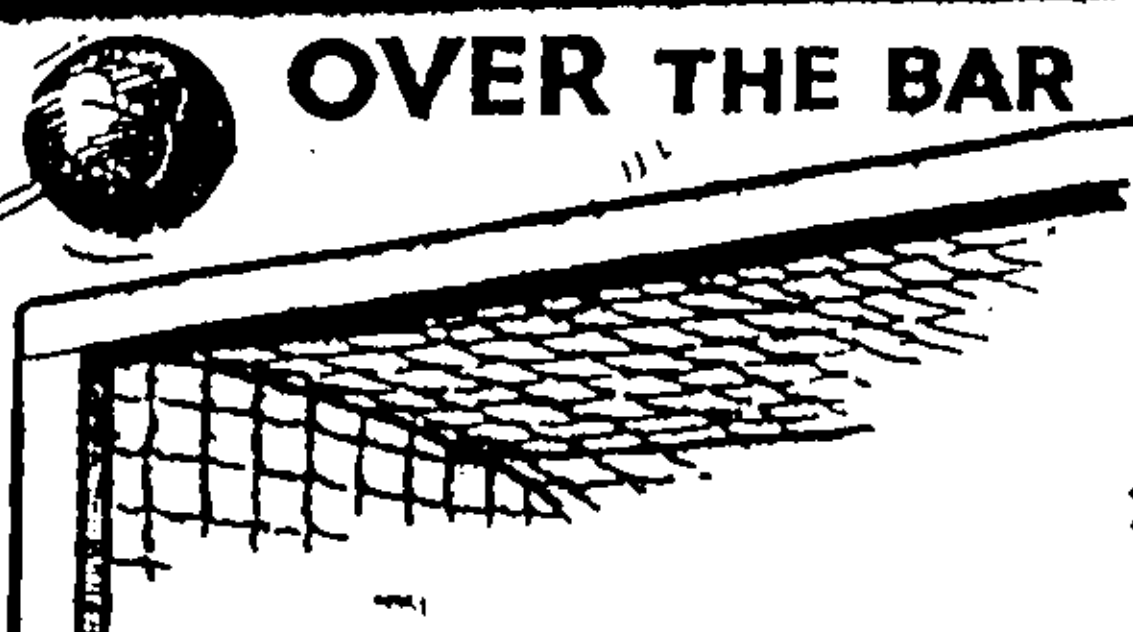
## EXPORT LICENCES FOR FOOD

From April 3 practically all foodstuffs will be subject to export licensing control to all destinations, under a Board of Trade Order issued in London yesterday.

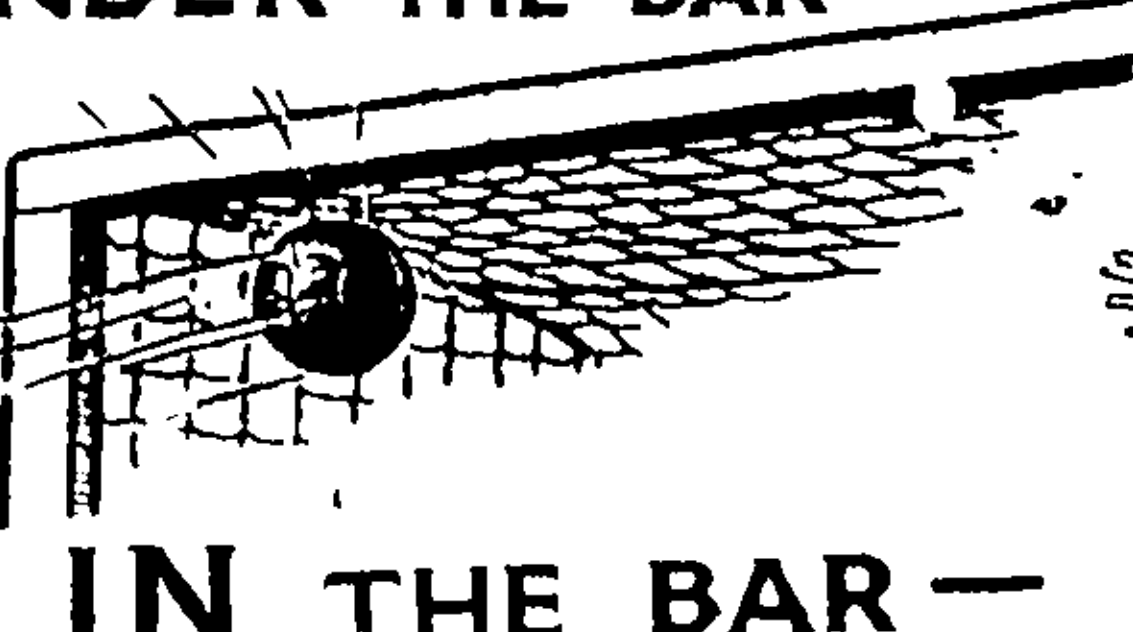
Chief exceptions will be wines and spirits, pickles, sauces and chutneys.

New additions to the control list are made in the Order. Concessions under which, with some exceptions, foodstuffs subject to export control, may be exported without licence to Crown Colonies and Protectorates, provided an import licence has been obtained in the territory concerned, remain in force.—Reuter.

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## KEREN'S FALL NEARS

Further important positions south of Keren have been captured and Italian counter-attacks have again been repulsed with serious Italian losses, says a communique issued by General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

The situation, the communique says, is developing favourably.

As regards Abyssinia, the communique states that pressure by patriot forces is developing against Debra-Marcos.

Announcing the occupation of Jijiga, the communique adds: "In other sectors our general advance is proceeding."

## R.A.F. Activity

Activity by the R.A.F. in supporting the military operations in Abyssinia and Somaliland continued unabated yesterday, says an R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

Italian troops around Keren were bombed and machine-gunned.—Reuter.

## RALLY TO PRESIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RALLYING BEHIND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BRITISH AID PROGRAMME, YESTERDAY OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED THE SEVEN-BILLION DOLLAR BILL TO PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF PLANES, TANKS AND GUNS AND HUNDREDS OF SHIPS FOR NATIONS FIGHTING THE AXIS.

A dozen amendments were defeated during the day, including two by Representative Smith, Virginia Democrat, to halt strikes in the defence industry.—International News Service.

## SHANGHAI BUS SERVICE STRIKE

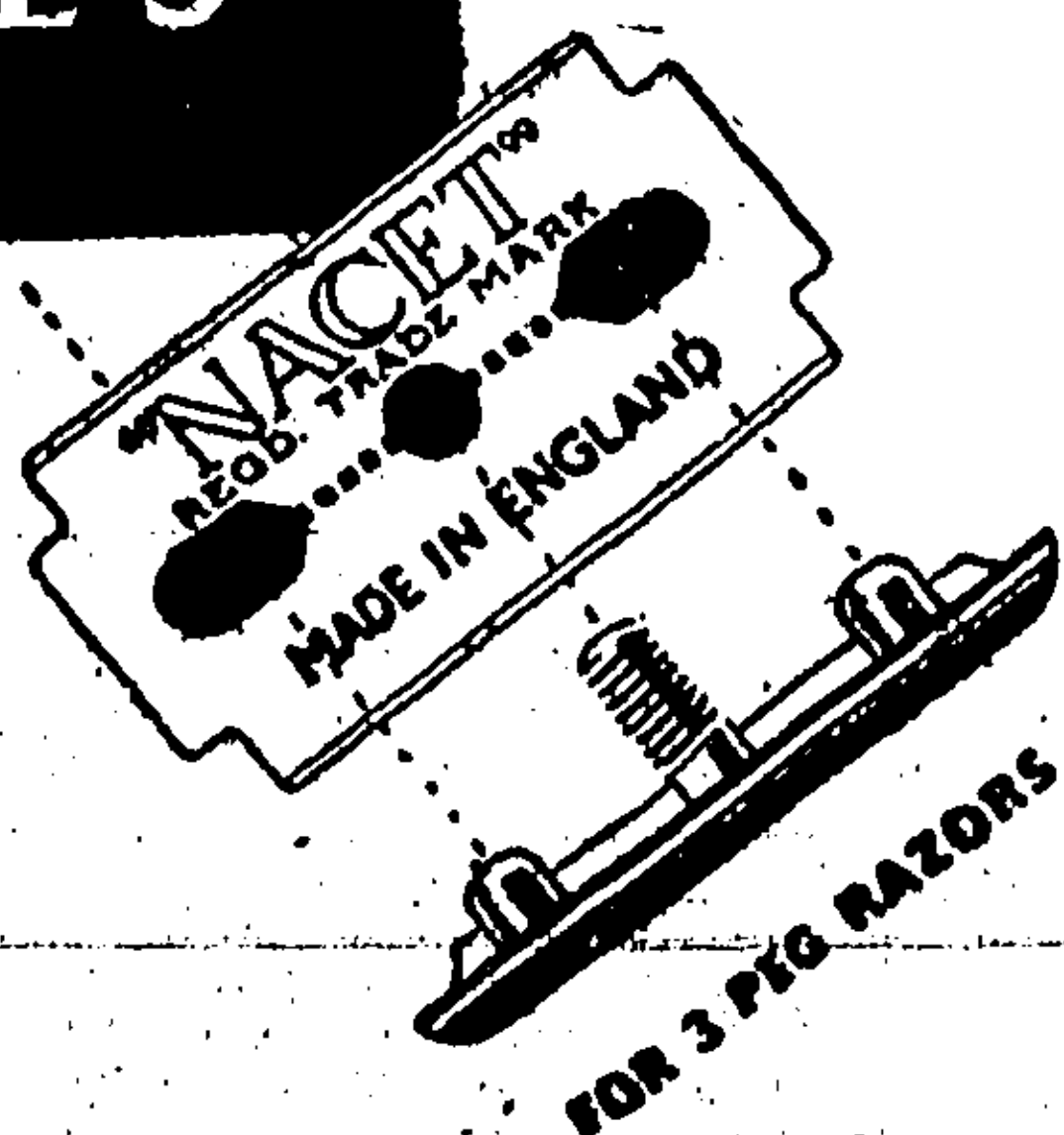
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The bus service in the International Settlement, Shanghai, was partly resumed last night following negotiations between the workers' representatives and the company.

It is understood that the workers promised to return to duty to-day.—Our Own Correspondent.

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## WHEN THE WAR IS OVER

A nation engaged in desperate war is naturally reluctant to speak of any aim beyond that of victory. Mr. Winston Churchill has several times rejected the invitations of different members of the House of Commons for a statement of peace aims. For the British Government to try at this time to outline specifically the shape of things to come would be an impractical diversion from the matter in hand.

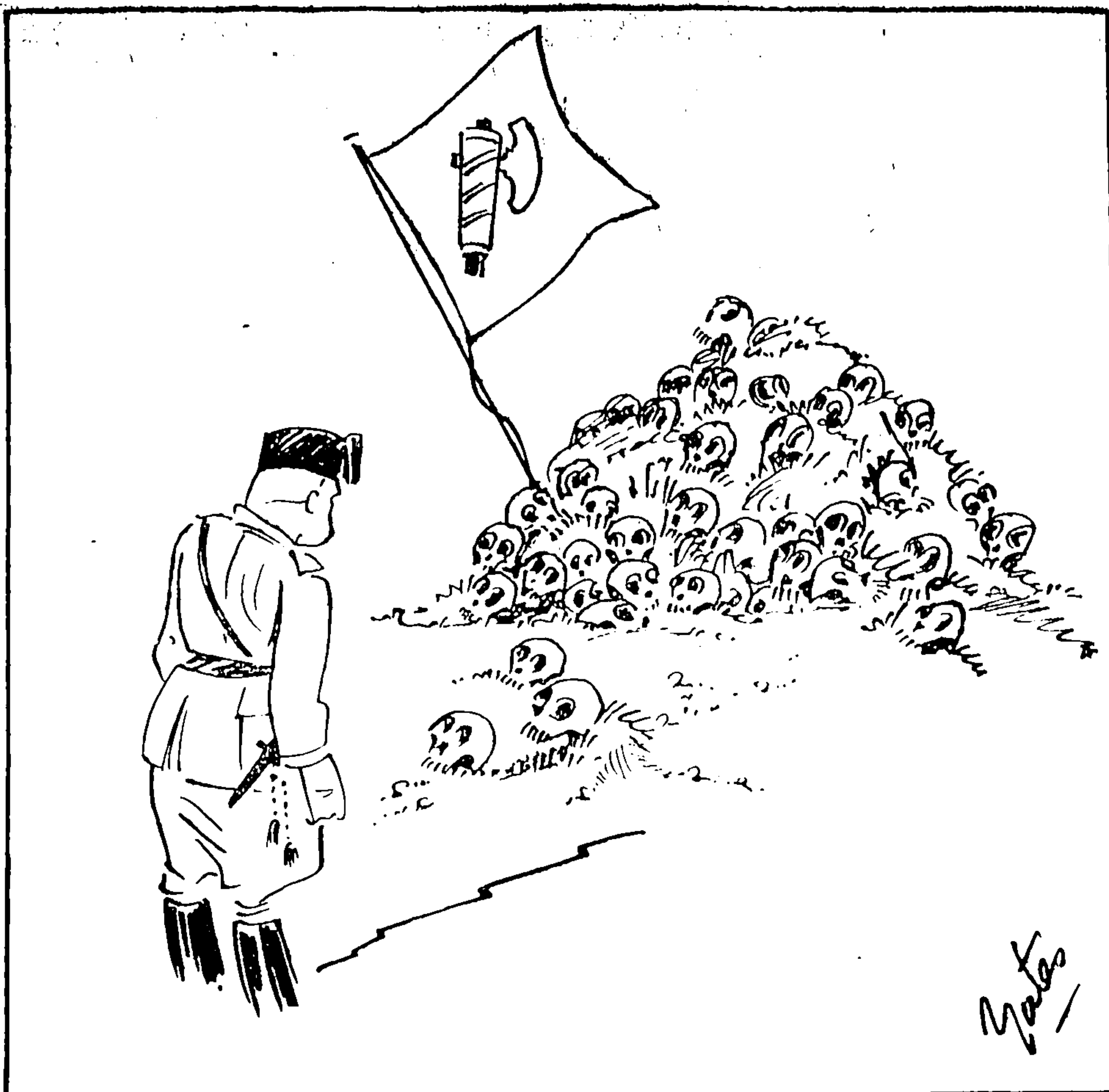
Individuals, however, can see straws in the wind which fill them with exalted hope. It is of striking interest when a neutral commentator offers comparison between the New Order offered by Hitler and that which will arise from a British victory. Meantime, the unity of purpose which is knitting the English-speaking lands ever more closely together, becoming apparent in proportion as the struggle grows in intensity, betokens a secure future when victory is gained. Another hint of the greater civilisation to come is the almost incredible fortitude shown by the bombed English hero-in-the-street. It proves as nothing else could that although brick and steel may crumble, free minds have greater strength than these.

There is at the same time increased turning to religion and firm support for the basis of the Rev. J. E. Wittenbach's argument that spiritual light is a necessary preliminary armament against the new paganism.

According to accounts from England, the majority of the British people have already risen high enough in mental altitude to have no desire for revenge after the war. When hostilities cease, it is fairly to be expected that this enlightened outlook will help bring about a settlement based on sincere striving towards justice and self-government for all.

Many people remember too well the reaction from the first World War. The jazzy living, the reckless spending, the cynicism, the loosening of moral standards. It is possible, however, that some false states of society which were ushered in by the last war may be ushered out by this one. Yet even Britain's triumph will entail a further challenge, a call for higher living and thinking. For beyond the necessity of turning back

## TEPELINI !



THEY DIED FOR PRESTIGE

# Buying The "Voice" A Drink

He is not too tall. His body is thin and spare; a bundle of nervous energy when he talks in the mess.

He seems to chain-smoke, though every time his hand goes to his mouth he does not draw at the cigarette between the long fingers of his lean, decisive hand.

More often than not, the action is the preliminary to an unconscious smoothing of the beginnings of a moustache.

If there is a single ribbon beneath the wings he wears it will probably be that of the D.F.C.

The job he is doing carries the rank of Squadron Leader; but it is more than likely that he held the rank before he took on the job, held it when he led his squadron into the melee above Dunkirk.

And if it was not at Dunkirk, it was on the Scottish and North East coasts, where the first raiders were met and sent about their business, that he learned to inspire confidence.

### Still "In The Air"

To-day, the job he is doing is on the ground; but, despite the apparent paradox, he is still in the air.

No fighter pilot flies without him, and the comforting knowledge that he exists to be talked to and listened to.

What is more, no fighter pilot can fly without him and the organisation he stands for, if that fighter is to do his job properly with the minimum of effect and the maximum of despatch.

They call him "Controller." At least, that is his official title.

But more often than not he is only thought of as a voice breaking in upon the solitude and chattering noises of a Spitfire or Hurricane cockpit, six and seven miles above the earth, where nothing can be seen below but the apparently interminable snowfield that is the sunswept tops of cloud-banks.

### Terse, But Friendly

His remarks, when they are heard, in the wireless earphones

aggression and barbarity lies the task of so establishing the brotherhood of man that peace will endure.

built into the pilot's flying helmet are terse and to the point; but they give confidence and a feeling of friendliness in a lonely world.

The nervous mannerisms which accompany them in the mess are missing and instead there is power and ability and the knowledge that comes from experience.

Only concise orders "Fly on this course at that height"—are given, and the system by which they are transmitted is economical of time and effort at understanding.

But the pilot knows and understands and would not have it otherwise. It is the knowledge that the voice is there that matters to him, not the opportunity for conversation.

They are picked men to whom thinking in terms of air conditions is first nature, men who have a sixth sense when it comes to knowing just when and where the interception of a raiding bomber should take place so that the battle can be joined.

### Link With Observers

Their knowledge of navigation is quick and accurate. It has to be.

In their hands alone lies the interpretation of the probable direction that will be taken by a raider reported by the chain of observer posts.

Will he turn left or right? is the question perpetually in their minds while they work and send the fighters off on a carefully calculated course and at a speed and height that should make hunter and hunted meet even though cloud obscures the sky.

They sit in a control-room at fighter stations, a room so constructed and protected from bombs that someone once irreverently referred to one as a "padded cell."

That was a misnomer, since, though the control room is the nerve-centre of fighter operations, there is never pandemonium.

Instead, there is an atmosphere of competency as facts about the weather and visibility and all the many routine matters that go to putting a fighter pilot into the air and bringing him down again are gathered in.

Together they make a picture of the situation for the Controller, so that the few, crisp words he

will talk into his radio telephone to the pilot he is directing will be accurate and effective.

### Always Watching

The pilot has to rely on those words, not just to make his own contact with the enemy, but for his own safety.

After twisting and turning in a dog-fight above the clouds he may not be sure of his whereabouts.

Without the controller to watch his every move and be ready to guide him home after the battle he will be lost, perhaps run out of petrol or fly into the side of a hill as he comes down through cloud.

He may have engine failure and have to force-land hurriedly, or as has happened more than once, he may be shot down over the sea and have to bale out beyond sight of watchers on the coast.

His only hope of being found quickly is to describe his plight into his microphone as his last act before leaving his machine.

It is then the speed with which the listening controller can put the rescue arrangements into operation that matters.

Not so long ago a young pilot was picked up out of the sea by a motor-boat speedily dispatched in this way.

When he walked into the mess the next day it was some moments before anyone noticed him.

Then the controller who had been on duty when he was shot down caught sight of him.

### Just A Drink

"Hallo, you're back! Dry yet?" was his greeting. "More or less," came the answer as the Controller put his finger on a bell and made a suggestion about a sherry which called forth a protest: "No sir. This one's on me."

"Why?" The question came quickly and a trifle too obviously. There was a hint of more than natural surprise in it.

"Well, sir, I rather thought... I mean, sir, it's my turn," the pilot managed after a pause in which they did not eye one another.

"That's different," the Controller said.

Then, abruptly and a little fiercely: "Perhaps it'll teach you not to put the fear of God into me another time."

## Ships For Trade

The destruction of merchant shipping since the war opened, whether by ordinary marine casualty on by U-boat, mine, bombing aeroplane or raider, has reached a total of upwards of 5,000,000 tons. Those ships were engaged in carrying the trade of the producers and consumers of the world, for shipping is an international industry; whoever pays the freight, as fixed by competition, has the call on cargo space, irrespective of the flag of the ship.

It is not only British shipping which has been destroyed in the war at sea, but shipping under the flag of Norway, Holland, France, Greece, Sweden, Poland,

By  
Sir Archibald Hurd

Belgium, Estonia, Panama, Finland, Portugal and Spain. Even the merchant navy of Japan has suffered some loss, while the Germans and Italians have scuttled nearly one hundred of their own vessels of 460,000 tons in order that they might not be captured.

There is a shortage of shipping. Little tonnage is being built on the Continent of Europe, the cockpit of the war. So the immediate task of making good the loss of shipping falls to the shipbuilders of the British Isles, the United States and Japan. In the last year of peace, the shipyards of the United States had an output of only 163,000 tons, while those of Japan were responsible for 442,000 tons, a total of about 600,000 tons. The Japanese shipbuilders may maintain their peacetime rate of building though they are suffering from a lack of material, and the Americans will certainly greatly increase theirs. It may be estimated that these two countries will put into the water in the coming year not more than one million tons, towards the replacement of the four million tons to which I have referred.

The building of merchant ships is of the first military purpose to the British people since they live in an island and are more dependent on overseas supplies than any other people. British shipyards were never so busy as to-day. The craftsmen are going to it with a will. There has been no talk of strikes. Work goes on smoothly and swiftly, though the "black-out" creates lighting difficulties, and there are air raids.

Every shipbuilding establishment is necessarily on the coast with one side open to the sea. It can therefore be subjected to surprise attack not only by men-of-war but by bombs from the air. The shipbuilders in the British Isles are now in the front line of the war. At any moment, in the absence of vigilant defence, aeroplanes may swoop in from the sea and bomb or machine-gun the workers and then disappear.

These shipbuilders are reinforcing the British Fleet and are replacing the merchant tonnage which has been sunk by U-boat, mine and aeroplane. Their task is one of unparalleled proportions.

In the unhappy conditions which now prevail the main burden of maintaining this international transport industry rests on the craftsmen of the shipyards of the British Isles. Though the ships they send to sea will fly the British flag, they will be used for the carriage of the goods of all the world. If they failed, not only would the trade of the British people be reduced in volume, but other peoples would not be able to reach the best market in which to sell their produce. So these British shipbuilders are engaged in very necessary tasks in the ultimate interest of everyone everywhere.

It would be a world disaster if the shipping which is now being sunk were not replaced in the shortest possible time. Cargoes all over the world could not be carried to those who want them and, therefore, the producers of the goods would be without the means of living. Want, if not starvation, would be the lot of millions of people in both hemispheres who have no wish but to live peacefully and usefully, working hard in producing the things which other nations, less blessed by nature, urgently require.





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# Silent Multitude Still Defying The Invader

PROPOSING THE TOAST of Princess Juliana and the Royal Family of the Netherlands at the Royal Empire Society luncheon, Lord Simon paid an eloquent tribute to the devotion to the cause of freedom displayed by the Dutch peoples from the earliest times.

That spirit of independence was still alive and the silent multitude in captivity by their defiance of the invader daily set an example of courage and endurance for which the boldest of us were grateful.

"History scarcely provides a parallel to the treachery with which, under cover of friendship, Hitler first introduced his agents into the Netherlands and then overpowered her with assaults from within and without."

It will be enough if I mention one episode from the story of that tragic campaign — the murder from the air of the helpless civil population of Rotterdam. As long as there are free men alive in the world that crime will remain as an indelible stain on the pages of history. One day the Germans will learn what free, brave men have always known, that you cannot destroy a nation or bend it to your will by murdering its people and setting fire to its cities.

#### Fight For Principles

Replying, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands made a touching reference to the loyalty of the British peoples rallied round the Crown and ready to stake all for the victory of principles on which the British Empire was built.

"Our close community of interest, centuries old, has grown since we joined arms against the common enemy."

Many great responsibilities we share and I believe the influence of our present brotherhood in arms may reach far beyond the war issue of the moment.

It is my heartfelt wish that the close ties of friendship and co-

operation which now link Great Britain and the Netherlands may always be maintained." — British Wireless.

## H.K. WOMEN POLICE MOOTED

The grave problem raised by the large number of poverty stricken refugees is that of prostitution, states the Report of the Commissioner of Police, issued to-day.

"Certain limited areas of the Colony have become by night the haunt of a large number of prostitutes."

"Soliciting has become a serious social evil and the number and poverty of the women concerned have favoured the spread of venereal disease."

This problem formed the subject of an inquiry by a Committee appointed for the purpose by His Excellency the Governor. It is considered that the time is now ripe to try the experiment of enlisting Chinese wo-

## Aiken On Base Appeals

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

There are indications that America may soon join Britain in efforts to persuade Eire to grant naval bases to Britain, in return for American food supplies, it was disclosed in Washington yesterday.

This indication is further strengthened by the visit of Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister of Co-ordination of Defence in Eire, to Washington in order to discuss with the United States Government problems of supplies of arms and wheat to Eire.

However, Mr. Aiken told newsmen yesterday that Eire is determined to refuse Britain the use of Irish naval bases.

"The Irish people," he declared, "want to remain out of the European conflict. We are not going to give up any bases unless we are attacked, and we intend to give anyone who attacks us a good punch in the nose. 'THAT GOES FOR THE BRITISH AS WELL AS THE GERMANS.'" — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

#### CAMERA STOLEN

Lieut. L. P. Ralph, of the Royal Naval Reserve, residing at No. 15, Felix Villas, has reported the theft of a camera, valued at \$200, from his car which was parked outside the Hong Kong Club, Chater Road, on Sunday.

men police. Another evil effect of overcrowding, poverty and unemployment is the spread of opium and heroin divans. During 1939 there were 2,484 cases for offences against the Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, as compared with 2,081 cases in 1938.

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## H.K. ELECTRIC COMPANY MEETING

# CHAIRMAN ON DIVIDENDS, BONUS SHARES AND NEW SUPPLY RATES

PROPOSALS TO capitalise the Company's reserve of \$3,000,000 and to issue bonus shares to that amount, and to raise a further \$3,000,000 as new capital to be invested in British Government war funds, were approved by shareholders of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Limited, whose annual meeting was held this morning with Mr. L. J. Davies in the chair.

The increased charges to consumers recently announced were explained as necessitated by the rising cost of coal, and it was pointed out that this was the Company's first increase in 52 years.

The Chairman said: The net profit after providing for Depreciation is \$2,290,186.91, a fall of nearly \$400,000 compared with the year 1939; with \$594,480.39 brought forward from 1939 we have \$2,884,667.30 for appropriation. On September 9th we paid an interim dividend of \$1.00 per share on the old shares which absorbed \$600,000 and with the balance we propose: To pay a final dividend of \$1.20 on the old shares, absorbing \$720,000; To pay a dividend of \$1.10 on the new shares, absorbing \$330,000; To place to Reserve \$600,000; Send to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund a second Donation of \$50,000; To carry forward to next account \$584,667.30, which I hope will meet with your approval.

You will note that the amount we propose to pay out in dividend is \$300,000 less than last year but you will observe that this is roughly the amount we have had to find for War Taxation. I feel sure you will approve the additional contribution to the Bomber Fund.

The carry forward is still very considerable but in view of the uncertain times through which we are passing I am convinced that a cautious policy is more desirable than ever before and I am confident shareholders will agree with this view.

## Coal Prices

The falling off in Profit on Working is almost entirely due to the increased cost of freight on coal and to War Taxation, which are partially offset by increased sales of current.

Coal cost us approximately \$7.60 per ton more than in 1939 and \$13.40 per ton more than in 1936. It is anticipated that during 1941 the average cost of coal compared with 1940 will show a further increase of about \$16.00 per ton. In view of these large increases in the cost of coal I feel sure that our consumers will consider the recently announced increased charges are reasonable.

This is the first time during the history of the Company it has been necessary to increase prices; since the Company was inaugurated 52 years ago the rates charged to consumers have steadily fallen from 35 cents per unit to 15 cents per unit for Light and from 20 cents per unit to 5 cents per unit for Power.

It is all the more regrettable that this increase should come at a time when the costs of living are rising, but your Directors felt that they had no alternative; I can only express the hope that the time will soon come when your Directors will be able to revise the rates in a more agreeable direction.

Donations show a considerable increase — this is accounted for by the contribution to the Bomber Fund which was made last June.

War Taxation and Air Raid Precautions cost us \$265,168.41.

## High Depreciation

Depreciation at \$808,072 is the highest in the annals of the Company but it is computed on a scale which is recognised as fair and proper in the interests of both shareholders and sound finance, and I feel confident no

wise shareholder will desire to query it.

Bad Debts at \$812.48, though higher than in 1939 mainly due to unpaid accounts by enemy aliens, is very satisfactory when the size of our turnover is remembered.

On the Credit side Interest shows an appreciable increase.

The item Sale of Property refers to No. 8 Queen's Road Central which was purchased in 1937 as a site for a sub-station, but when a buyer offered a more suitable site in Duddell Street at a lower cost we decided to purchase same and to dispose of the Queen's Road site which resulted in a profit.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Capital Expenditure during the year amounted to \$806,926.59; the principal items covered by this expenditure are five new feeder cables which were laid out of North Point Power Station, one new Generating Station Feeder Switch, Morrison Hill Substation and its equipment and a Mercury Vapour Rectifier which had become necessary to enable us to cope with the increasing requirements of our friends the Hong Kong Tramways Limited.

## Output Increases

The output from the Generating Station during 1940 was 78,385,102 units—an increase of over 6 million units, or more than 8 per cent., compared with 1939.

Meters connected show a further increase of 1,687 to 50,843.

It may interest you to know that since the outbreak of the war our orders to Britain for materials and machinery have continued to be filled with regularity and efficiency and so far we have suffered only three losses due to enemy action; compared with the losses sustained during the war of 1914-1918 we are so far exceedingly fortunate; this is only one of the many debts we owe to the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine.

I now come to the proposed new issues of capital details of which have appeared in the newspapers.

As you all know the present satisfactory financial position of this Company is largely due to the careful and farsighted policy of our predecessors but it is advisable to keep the issued Capital within a reasonable ratio of the intrinsic value of the undertaking. The share market values this Company at the present time at approximately 36 million dollars. Far be it from me to query the sagacity of the share market in this valuation, but let us be a little more conservative and for present purposes assess the value of our undertaking at say \$30,000,000.

## Dividend Ratios

Assuming our proposed allocation of profits meets with your approval, our total distribution in the form of dividends for the year 1940 will be \$1,650,000 or 5.5 per cent on a very conservative valuation of our undertaking.

The same distribution on the combined present and proposed new capital would be 11 per cent.

In many cases of franchises granted in the United States 8 per cent. for "fair value" has been laid down as a reasonable return on the shareholders' in-

vestment, and in the case of a contemporary utility company in this Colony, Government has recognised the right of its shareholders to a dividend exceeding the percentage I mentioned previously.

I would also point out that the charges to our consumers are extremely reasonable and to any who attempt to query this I would refer them to similar undertakings which have an output approximately the same as ours in India, the Far East, and elsewhere. Those who take the trouble to do this will find that our rates compare more than favourably and it must not be forgotten that a portion of our coal has to be carried from Calcutta a 3,000 mile haul — and the remainder comes from Hong Kong a 500 mile haul.

## Share Capital

In order to bring the issued Capital more into line with the actual value of your Company, your Directors have decided, in the first place and subject to your approval, to capitalise the 30 lacs which will be in Reserve if shareholders agree to the proposals I am going to submit to them in a few minutes.

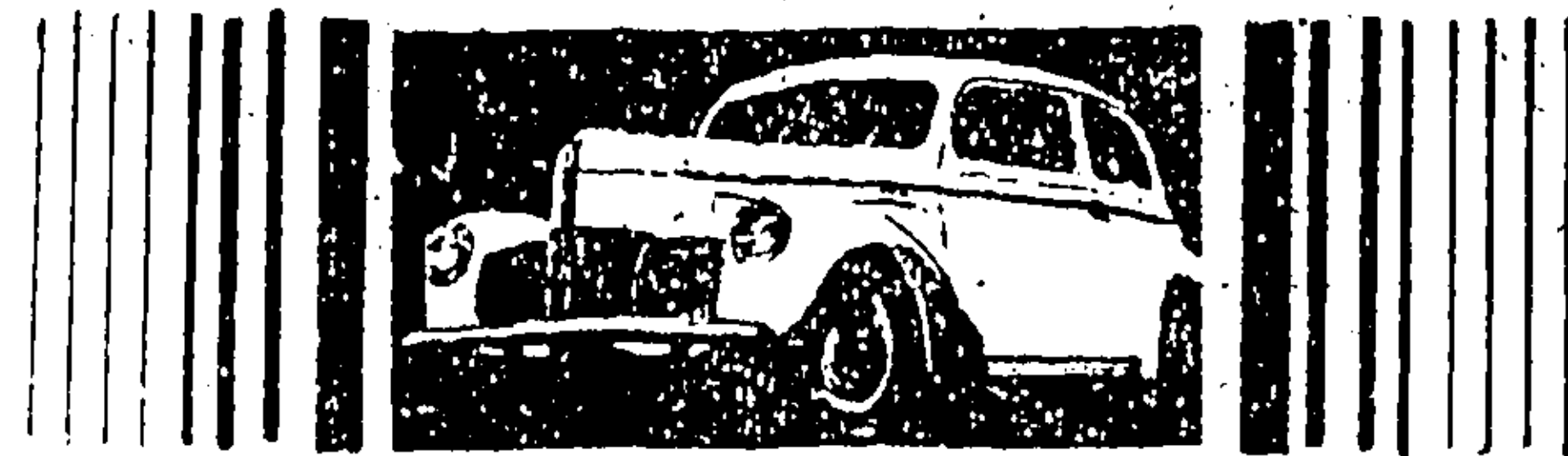
As a second step we propose to offer to them 300,000 new shares at \$10 each in the proportion of one share for every 3 shares held.

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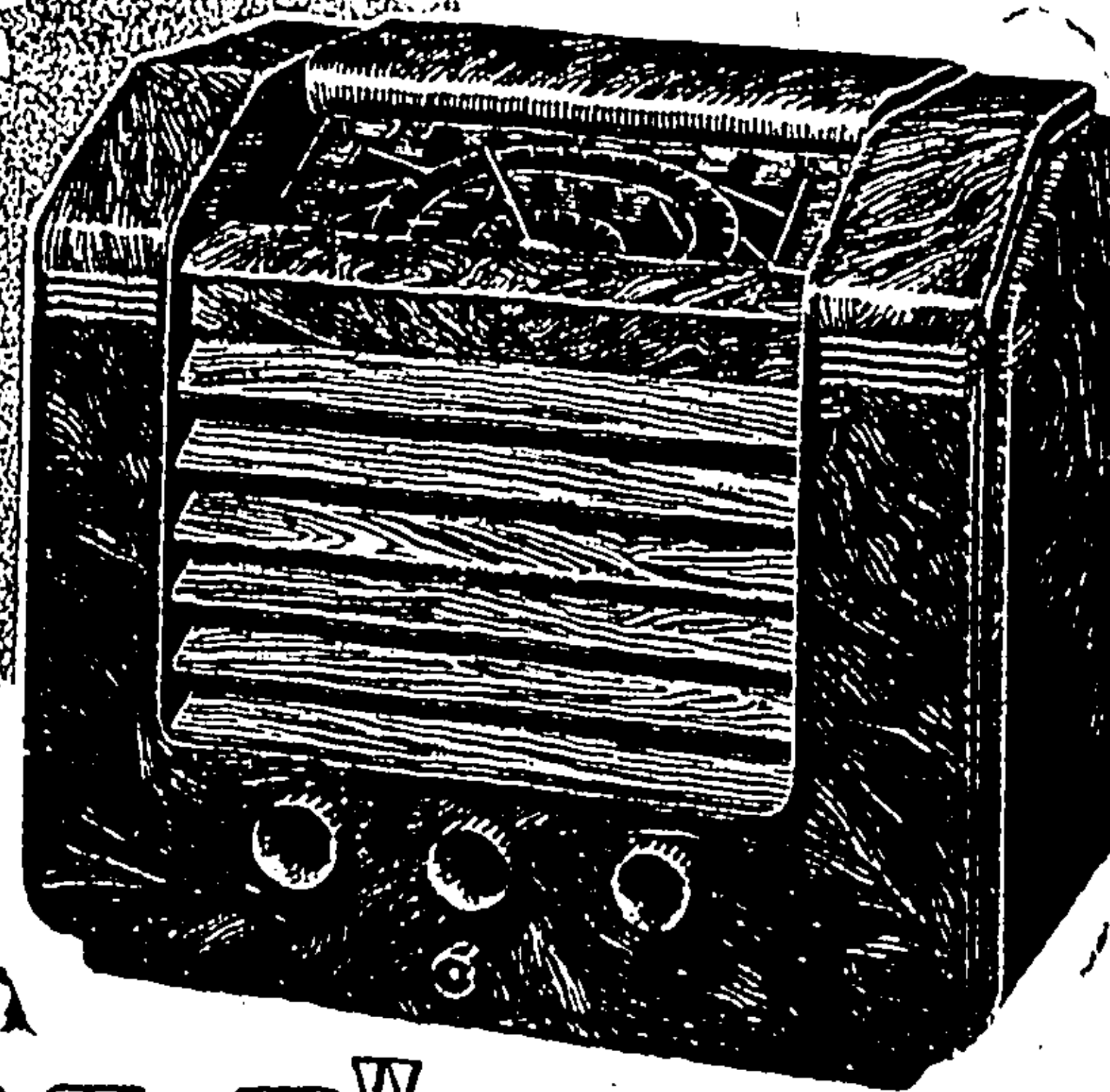
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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On View from Wednesday, the 19th March, 1941.

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FRIDAY, the 21st March, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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comprising:—  
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On View from Thursday, the 20th March, 1941.

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers,  
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale | Registry No.                | Locality                                                          | Boundary Measurements | Contents in sq. ft. | Annual Rent | Upset Price |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|             |                             |                                                                   | N. S. E. W.           |                     |             |             |
| 1           | Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4303 | Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 224, Larch Street, Tai Kok Tsui. | As per sale plan      | About 9,114         | \$168       | \$18,228    |

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,823 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

## HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than 'six' and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,  
J. P. SHERRY,  
Managing Director.  
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 24th March, 1941 commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road Central, Second Floor.

## 20 CASES SUGAR OF MILK

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers,  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1941.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN.

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffs are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; KOWLOON WHARF &amp; GODOWN CO., LTD.

## Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary &amp; Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

## BRIDGE NOLES

## CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 35

## By The Four Aces

An unusual crime is presented to-day for Bridge criminologists:

South, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| ♠ Q 9 8 3  | ♠ A 10 7 4 |
| ♥ J        | ♥ K 8 6 5  |
| ♦ A 10 9 4 | ♦ Q 7 2    |
| ♣ J 10 9 8 | ♣ 7 4      |

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East   |
|-------|------|-------|--------|
| 1♥    | 2♣   | dbl   | Redbl. |
| 2♥    | Pass | Pass  | 3♣     |
| 3♥    | Pass | Pass  | Pass   |

West opened the Jack of diamonds, dummy played low and East won with the King of diamonds. West ruffed the diamond return and led a spade to East's Ace, thus enabling East to give him another diamond ruff. The King of clubs then won the setting trick.

If you are a real sleuth, you'll be horrified at the crimes committed in this hand. See if you can discover them for yourself before reading on.

Of course South should have made his contract by winning the first trick with the diamond Ace and drawing trumps. But that was the least of the crimes! To begin with, West deserved ten years at hard labour for making the two-club vulnerable overcall.

## NOTICE

As from to-day the price of U.B. Beer, Pints and Quarts have been increased by \$3.00 per case. Albion Pale Ale by \$1.00 per case.

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## Notice To Consumers

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of

Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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with his miserable hand. The West cards were good for about three or four tricks, yet he made a bid which promised to take eight tricks!

North's double was a trifle light, and East's redouble was questionable but not really criminal; and South's decision to bid two hearts was perfectly proper even though skilful defence would beat the two-club contract. But South's bid of three hearts was simply outrageous — meriting capital punishment at the very least! He should have let the bid get around to North — who would have doubled for penalties. Three diamonds would be set three or four tricks, and even a rescue at four clubs would run into an 800-point penalty. Perhaps North should have bid four hearts (which could have been made); but South's unwillingness to penalise the opponents indicated that he had little top-card strength.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 3 2  
♥ K 7 4  
♦ A 5  
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenken | You | Maier |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| Pass   | Pass     | 1♣  | Pass  |
| 1♠     | Pass     | (?) | Pass  |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Since your opening bid is a sound one, you cannot pass partner's one-over-one response. Your best rebid, since you have spade support, is to confirm the suit by a simple raise.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 669

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9 6  
♥ 7 3 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ A K 10 4

The bidding:

| Maier | Jacoby | You | Schenken |
|-------|--------|-----|----------|
| Pass  | Pass   | (?) | Pass     |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## Bringing Up Fother

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Sun Glasses Of Quality

Many outdoor sports call for the use of sunglasses, and even women who do not embrace sports must wear them to protect eyes from the sun or water's glare.

But sun glasses should be worn only when you are in the bright sun and should never be used for night driving or for house wear, warns a prominent New York eye physician, and only ground and polished glasses should be worn.

"There are so many different types of sun glasses sold," he writes, "that it is easily understood why women are in a dilemma.

"Inferior quality sun glasses, made from celluloid, poor blown or pressed glass, will add irregular astigmatism, myopia, hyperopia, or prismatic imbalance to the refractive mechanism of the eye. Consequently, they only increase the strain produced by the sun's glare. The best advice about buying is to buy your sun glasses from a reputable optician and insist upon good quality ground and polished protection lenses, and if your eyesight is poor, have the glasses ground with your correct distance prescription."

### About Night Driving

It seems that many women like to wear sun glasses at night when driving a car, but according to this same authority, such practice is dangerous.

"Sun glasses are designed for day wear and should not be worn for night driving as they lower



Eyesight is protected and wrinkles avoided by wearing good quality glasses to cut the sun glare.

## BUSINESS TALKS IN STREETS AFTER RAID

EXECUTIVES OF some London offices held their morning staff conference at street corners — indicative of the spirit and resolution with which the City got on with the job under difficulties after the immense fire raid destruction.

Not far away were the charred ruins of their former places of business. But they showed that London could get on with it even in such unprecedented circumstances as confronted so many workers.

Others talked things over in a coffee tavern or restaurant, while members of their staffs, chatting in groups on the pavements waited for instructions.

### ABSOLUTELY IS THE WORD

Many parts of Germany have a very harsh winter, with the temperature often ten degrees below freezing point.—Geography book. Joy - Through - Warmth announcement by the Fuehrer's Government to the Fuehrer's people, often enjoying ten degrees below freezing point:—

"No overcoat may be bought in future without a permit. "No permit will be issued to any one who cannot show that his present coat is absolutely unwearable."

There were many such scenes near damaged City streets, streets where the destruction did not appear to be so fearsome as the fires had suggested.

At many points departmental chiefs with notebooks and pencils took names and addresses from members of their staffs as they stood at street corners.

### "Mopping Up"

It was a necessary requirement where office records had been destroyed. When the new lists had been completed, staffs were told to go home until things had been tidied up.

The tidying up process went on briskly and efficiently, but there was still a tremendous amount of "mopping-up" to be done.

Here and there a fire still smouldered stubbornly after thirty-six hours incessant pumping of water. But most had been effectively extinguished.

St. Paul's was surrounded by the gaping skeletons of once fine buildings. Along Cheapside buildings had been burned almost to their foundations.

Elsewhere the life of the City had virtually regained its normal brisk tempo.

### Are Sun-Glasses Habit-Forming?

We have heard considerable criticism of sun glasses to the effect that they become habit-forming. Just what is meant by habit-forming is not clear. Certainly they will not cause an atrophy of the colour sense, however, if worn unnecessarily and continuously, they may lower one's tolerance to light and instigate a discomfort in moderate illumination.

In buying a sun glass, remember that all good quality, absorptive and sun lenses on the market are of value, and will serve you for beach and any unusual day brightness. When buying your glasses, step outside and test them. See if you like looking through them and get the degree of darkness which best suits you.



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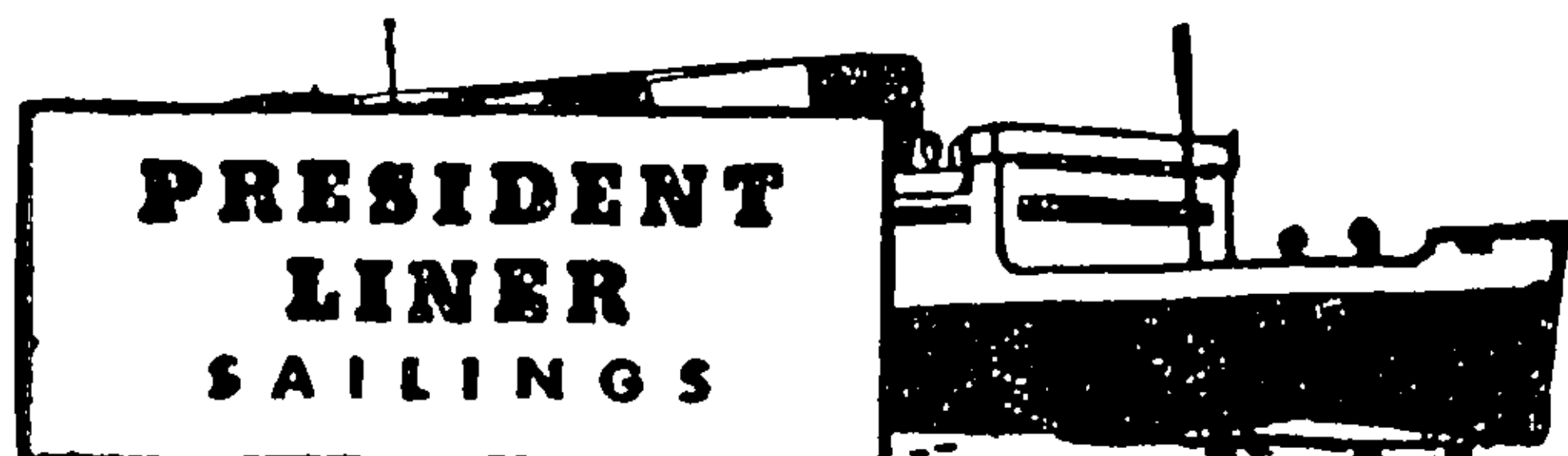
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Kweichow  
Hunan  
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Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yung-hsien)  
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

### INWARD MAILS

| FROM                                                                                                       | DUE      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th March                           | Mar. 20. |
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| United Kingdom and Straits                                                                                 | Mar. 23. |
| Swatow                                                                                                     | Mar. 23. |
| United Kingdom and Straits                                                                                 | Mar. 24. |
| Canton                                                                                                     | Mar. 25. |
| U.S.A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date, 7th March)                                                        | Mar. 25. |
| Australia and Manila                                                                                       | Mar. 25. |
| Java and Manila                                                                                            | Mar. 25. |
| Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th March                           | Mar. 25. |
| Australia, Rabaul and Manila                                                                               | Mar. 27. |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 7th March)                                       | Mar. 29. |
| Canton                                                                                                     | Mar. 29. |
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#### THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Sourabaya ..... 2.00 p.m.  
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

|        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| K.P.O. | 5.00 p.m. |
| Reg.   | 5.30 p.m. |
| Ord.   | 5.00 p.m. |
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| Reg.   | 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord.   | 5.30 p.m. |

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

|        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| K.P.O. | 5.00 p.m. |
| Reg.   | 5.30 p.m. |
| Ord.   | 5.00 p.m. |
| G.P.O. | 7.00 p.m. |
| Reg.   | 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord.   | 5.30 p.m. |

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Straits and Rangoon ..... 8.30 a.m.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| K.P.O. & G.P.O. | 4.00 p.m. |
| Reg.            | 4.30 p.m. |
| Ord.            | 4.30 p.m. |

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Manila Macassar & Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.  
Sandakan ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Straits and Parrels only for United Kingdom.

|                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| K.P.O. & G.P.O.                                        | 21st 5.00 p.m.  |
| Reg.                                                   | 22nd 9.45 a.m.  |
| Ord.                                                   | 22nd 10.30 a.m. |
| Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island. |                 |
| G.P.O. & K.P.O.                                        |                 |
| Reg.                                                   | 12.45 p.m.      |
| Ord.                                                   | 1.30 p.m.       |

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|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| K.P.O. & G.P.O.              |           |
| Parcels                      | Noon.     |
| Reg.                         | 1.45 p.m. |
| Ord.                         | 2.30 p.m. |
| Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta. | 3.30 p.m. |

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## RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Variety.  
Comedienne—Pass. Shoot. Goal (Damerall & Others).... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.

Banjos—Banjo Favourites. Intro: Stein Song: Valencia: Toy Drum Major.... Raymond & His Band of Banjos.

Vocal Burlesque—Sonny Boy.... Jerry Golonna with Fud and His Fuddy Bears.

Mandolines—Spanish Gypsy Medley. Intro: Argentina: Barcelona: Lady of Spain.... The Romany Mandoline Players.

Comedian—A Bird in A Gilded Cage—A Vocal Burlesque.... Jerry Golonna with Fud and His Fuddy Bears.

Piano—Medley. Intro: Chasing Shadows: One night of love: I'll never say "never again" again.... Len Green with Drums.

Vocal—Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart (Noel & Others).... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

Piano—Medley. Intro: We were so young: Paris in the Spring: Fare thee well, Annabelle.... Len Green with Drums.

Vocal. Proud of You (David).... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam. Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.  
Hawaiian Rose—Medley: Hawaiian Love.... Kane's Hawaiians.

Waltz—Chiquita.... Ferera and Paaluhl (Hawaiian Guitars).

Samoa Love Song—Hawaiian Novelty (film "Taboo"): Love Song of Tahiti—Hawaiian Novelty (film "Mutiny on the Bounty"). Andy Iona & His Islanders with Vocal Chorus.

Smiling Eyes (Nawahi).... King Nawahi's Hawaiians.

Valse Bleue (Margar).... Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.

Hawaiian Love Bird (Razaf).... King Nawahi's Hawaiians.

Kohala March: Honolulu March.... Frank Ferera & John Paaluhl (Hawaiian Guitars).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano).

The Little Dutch Mill (Freed & Baris): Over Somebody Else's Shoulder (Sherman & Lewis): A Letter To My Mother (Gilbert & Nikle): A Boy and a Girl Were Dancing (Gordon & Revel).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.  
8.30 p.m.—Military Band Concert with Dennis Noble (Baritone).

The British Grenadiers (Trad.).... Dennis Noble and Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

The Caissons Go Rolling Along (U.S. Field Artillery March).... The American Legion Band.

The Empire Is Marching (Grey-Glass).... Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

National Emblem—March.... The American Legion Band.

The Trumpeter (Barron-Dix).... Dennis Noble with Piano acc.

Hungarian Fantasy (Flegedy).... Band of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresa" Regiment.

Song of Liberty (Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 4—A. P. Herbert-Edward Elgar).... Dennis Noble & Male Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards and Organ.

Post Horn Galop (Koenig).... The Royal Artillery Band (Woolwich).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates. Summertime Suite—Fresh Morning (Pastorale): Noonday Song (Romance): Dance in the Twilight (Valse).... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

The Fairy Tales of Ireland.... Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch.

Saxo-Rhapsody.... Sigurd Rascher

## INCREASE IN CRIME IN COLONY

THE 1939 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE LAID ON THE TABLE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY, STATES THAT THE CONTINUED INFLUX OF REFUGEES DURING 1939 FOLLOWING ON THE EARLIER IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCED IN 1937 AND 1938 HAS PRODUCED MOST SERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COLONY.

Some of the more obvious effects are an increase of serious crime, especially robbery (on land and in Colonial waters), larceny, and of minor offences such as unlicensed hawking. Social evils such as prostitution, gambling and illicit opium and heroin divans have also been accentuated.

The outbreak of war between Britain and Germany on September 3, resulted in a great increase of the duties and responsibilities of the Police Force, particularly of the Special Branch. Police were called upon when war was declared to carry out the internment of certain male enemy aliens, and for a few days only, to guard the premises of enemy firms. Since then the work of the Special Branch, particularly the Passports, Aliens, Registration, and Defence Sections, has increased greatly, while a number of regular duty Police have been used in guarding certain essential services.

## DIVORCES OVER POLITICS

The Norwegian divorce statutes are being altered to facilitate decrees nisi for couples with divergent political views.

If a mother's political views are not in the "right direction" the children are to be entrusted to the father's care. Many petitions have already been filed on the ground of political incompatibility.

With a view to compelling unemployed to travel to Germany for work, the Quisling Government is withdrawing the dole from those refusing to travel. Many Norwegian girls have been enrolled for domestic service in the Reich.

(Saxophone) with Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eric Coates.  
A House Love Made for You and Me.... Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Cello, Oboe and Piano.  
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".  
10.15 p.m.—Piano Interlude.  
Liszt—Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11.... Marcel Clampl.  
10.20 p.m.—Vincent Wallace's Opera "Maritana". Characters & Soloists in order of appearance: Maritana.... Miriam Licette (Soprano); Don José De Santarem.... Dennis Noble (Baritone); Lazarillo.... Clara Serena (Contralto); Don Caesar de Bazan.... Heddie Nash (Tenor); and Grand Opera with Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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## COMPANY MEETING H.K. ELECTRIC

(Continued from Page 9)

on April 1st of this year.

We propose that the money realised by this call — say \$3,000,000 — be remitted to London and invested in British Government Funds — by doing this we will do a little towards providing the ready money which is so much needed by H.M. Government in the fight to ensure our safety.

At the same time this will provide a fund to draw upon on the termination of hostilities when we come to purchase extensions and replacements of plant which an undertaking such as ours must always be prepared to meet.

At the conclusion of this meeting there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting at which I will put the resolution which is necessary to implement the first of these proposals and I invite shareholders to remain seated until this has been done.

I take this opportunity to place on record the Directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the Staff and Workmen during the year; in this connection some of you may be aware that one of our engineers, Mr. W. E. Peers, who joined the R.A.F.V.R. when he was on leave in 1938, was called up for Active Service at the beginning of the war; since then he has been promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer and made several bombing flights over Germany and Italy; I very much regret to say that his machine was seriously damaged over Germany on the night of January 15/16 last and he is now posted as "missing".

### Secunder's Speech

In seconding the motion for the adoption of the accounts, Mr. A. Morris said: Mr. Chairman, I have listened with considerable interest to your resume of the results of the activities of the Company during 1940, and I would like to offer my congratulations on same to the Directors, Agents and Staff. It has been a difficult year and I think the satisfactory results shown reflect great credit on all concerned.

I personally am very pleased to see it is recommended by the Board that a second donation of \$50,000 be made to the Bomber Fund and I trust shareholders will unanimously approve this proposal. I venture to express the hope that this lead will be followed by other public Companies here for the Duration of the War. I notice it is a common practice amongst some Shanghai public Companies to make similar contributions.

During present conditions it is wise to carry forward a substantial amount to current year's accounts.

I feel confident that shareholders will approve of the Board's proposal to capitalise the amount standing to Credit of Reserve Account and the issue of a further 300,000 shares at par. With regard to the Board's intention of investing proceeds from the latter issue in British Government Securities, I am sure this will appeal to shareholders. I know from hard experience how difficult it is for private concerns to obtain from home renewals and replacements of plant and machinery during wartime, as of course Government contracts must have priority. It is therefore a wise and farsighted policy to invest such funds in readily realisable securities and to be in a position to purchase up to date plant and so make up the time lag that is inseparable from war conditions.

I share your regret at the necessity for increasing charges to consumers but I am afraid this was inevitable. In view of the increased coal costs you have detailed I think consumers are fortunate the increases in charges are not greater.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Captain F. L. Brown proposed the re-election of Mr. L. J. Davies, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau and the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt. as Directors and this was seconded by Mr. A. MacKellar, while re-election of the Auditors, Messrs. Linstead & Davies at a fee of \$3,000 per annum was proposed by Mr. Leung Fat-tin and seconded by Mr. B. Wong Tape.

Mr. L. J. Davies, (Chairman of Directors) presided, supported by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, (Directors), Mr. V. Sorby, M.I.E.E. (Manager), Mr. G. G. N. Tinson (Soldier), and Mr. F. L. Ball (representing Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd., Agents). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. J. A. Tarrant, A. McKel-

## NOTE PRINTING PRESS FOUND IN POLICE RAID

WONG SHING AND YU CHEUK were this morning charged at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. E. H. Williams with possession of instruments and a hand press which might be used for forging banknotes, with possession of plates for forging banknotes and with possession of a quantity of paper for forging bank notes.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector Darkin, was for the prosecution. Accused were not represented.

Mr. Reynolds said that at 2 a.m. on January 26, Inspector Darkin and a party of police visited a hut above Sing On Street, Shaokwan. Defendants were found sleeping there. In an empty room the Police found two copper plates and a quantity of paper that could be used for banknotes. In the parlour, eight copper plates were found under a stone and, on a table, a number of engraving tools and magnifying glasses.

In the outhouse, more copper plates were found in a hole in the ground. Two pieces of paper resembling Hong Kong Government one dollar notes were found, as was also a hand printing press and a quantity of paint and varnish.

When charged, Wong Shing said he was looking after the house for Fung Wing-fong. Second accused said he had been engaged two days previously as a cook and knew nothing about the matter.

Mr. J. Redman, Government Analyst, said that all the materials could be used for printing banknotes.

Pak Shun-wah, foreman of the colour-printing department of the Chung Wah Book Company, said he had experience in the printing of banknotes. He explained the use of copper plates and other tools handed to him, and said they were all necessary for banknote printing.

The magnifying glass was used for touching up the photographic plate and the hand press was the specially made for note printing. The case is continuing.

## MORE LICENCES

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENCES ISSUED IN 1939 BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS 9,646 AS AGAINST 8,172, IN 1938, ACCORDING TO THE 1939 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

It adds that the most striking increases are (a) total number of motor-vehicles licensed was 848 greater in 1939 than in 1938, and (b) printing presses increased by 113 during the same period.

Mr. A. Morris and Capt. F. L. Brown, Messrs. B. Wong Tape, Leung Fat-tin, Wong Chi Po, Fung Kong Un, Wong Ping Sun, Gibson Fahnestock, Ko Koon Fan, Chua Seng Choo, Lo Yuk Tong, A. D. Humphreys, (Attorney for Mrs. E. M. Gaskell).

Addressing the extraordinary meeting which followed, the Chairman said: As shareholders at the previous meeting approved of the allocation to Reserve Account of \$600,000 this account now stands at \$3,000,000, and it is proposed to capitalise same in the ratio of one for every three shares held by shareholders on the Register as on 1st April 1941.

In view of my remarks at the previous meeting, there is no need to elaborate on this matter and I now formally propose:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share. The proposal was seconded by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and carried.

## INCREASE IN ROPE PROFITS

Substantially increased profits were revealed at the annual meeting this morning of the H.K. Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., over which the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields presided.

The Chairman said:—I am happy to address you to-day with a Statement of Accounts which is a great improvement on recent years.

The year's trading has not been without some anxiety owing to repercussions of the war such as variations in cost of supplies, increased freight rates and the transfer of ships to other trades. Shipping is our mainstay and while we are indebted to most of our old buyers for their support during the past year a reduction in tonnage in Far Eastern waters must obviously decrease their purchase of cordage.

I have no wish to be gloomy about this but it must be borne in mind when considering the prospects for the current year. I would add that this year the volume of orders booked has been very satisfactory and I hope it may continue.

Referring to the accounts, you will note that for the first time a Profit and Loss Appropriation Account has been included in the interests of clarity.

Turning to the Profit and Loss Account I am sure you will approve the subscription of \$5,000 to the South China Morning Post War Fund (and in view of the results for 1940 will agree to a further contribution).

### War Taxation

War Taxation based on the 1939 figures of \$11,021.50 is the amount paid in 1940 and we have made a Reserve of \$30,000 to cover the anticipated amount of Tax payable on the account now before you.

There is little to refer to in the Balance Sheet. You will note that \$102,863.16 has been expended on additions to Machinery. We will have some further additions this year which are part of our programme to balance our output and modernise some of our equipment.

Depreciation has been provided on the usual scale and your Board recommend that \$50,000 be written off the land at Ma-tau-kok.

A bonus to staff and workers also appears in the proposed appropriation. This has been well earned and I am sure will meet with your approval.

As you will see from the accounts the profit for the year ended 31st December, 1940 is \$285,923.32; and with the balance brought forward from last account \$64,883.30; the amount available for appropriation is \$350,806.62; which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—To write-off Land at Ma-tau-kow, Kowloon \$50,000.00; To place to Chinese Superannuation Fund \$10,000.00; To pay a dividend of \$1.00 per share \$200,000.00; To pay a bonus to staff and workers \$7,800.00; and carry forward to 1941 account \$83,006.62. Total \$350,806.62.

The proposal for the adoption of the accounts was seconded by Mr. S. T. Williamson.

Mr. F. Stafford-Smith proposed the re-election of Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E. and Mr. S. T. Williamson as Directors; and this was seconded by Mr. J. Dick, while the re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and David was proposed by Mr. H. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho.

Those present included: Mr. A. L. Shields (Chairman) Messrs. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors) and Mr. L. Kadoorie (alternate director for Sir Ely Kadoorie) F. J. Tavares (Secretary), Messrs. F. Stafford-Smith, I. W. Shewan, H. Dreyer, J. Dick and A. A. Botelho (shareholders).

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY INCIDENT CAUTION

MR. J. THOMPSON, AN IRISH RESIDENT, WAS AGAIN BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING MAK HON, WATCHMAN OF THE NEWS-PAPER ENTERPRISE LIMITED, AT WINDSOR HOUSE ON MONDAY NIGHT.

Defendant admitted the charge. Detective Sergeant W. Summers said defendant was apparently on his way home after celebrating St. Patrick's Day. He wandered into the "China Mail" Office and began to go up-stairs. The watchman, who was on duty, tried to prevent him, and was pushed and fell down the stairs. The "China Mail" was not pressing the case.

Defendant expressed his regret that the incident should have occurred.

The case was dismissed with a caution, the Magistrate making an order for payment of \$20 compensation to the watchman.

## STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVE

There was some investment enquiry on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and industrials Courtaulds and Dunlops were again higher. Cements also improved while home rails attracted further support. Elsewhere the markets were very quiet but fully steady. Kaffirs were firm, except for some easiness in non-producers. Oils were steady except for a slight decline in Shells. Chinese engineering declined on a dividend for the year of 9d against 1/6d. Wall Street was hesitant. — Reuter.

### PROSECUTIONS

That seven successful prosecutions in connection with corruption among members of the Police Force were recorded during 1939, was disclosed in the 1939 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police, issued to-day.

### DRIFTING MINE

A drifting mine was reported off Shek Ku-chau, near Cheung Chau Is. and, at 10.35 a.m. yesterday by the master of the s.s. Po On.

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# NEW STAR IN LOCAL TENNIS FIRMAMENT

## Ip Plays Brilliantly To Beat Ho Ka-lau

### PAUL KONG SOON SETTLES DOWN

By "Adrem"

A NEW STAR HAS RISEN IN THE LOCAL TENNIS FIRMAMENT. HE IS K. H. IP, OF SOUTH CHINA, WHO YESTERDAY CAUSED THE FIRST SURPRISE IN THE CURRENT COLONY TENNIS TOURNAMENT BY BEATING THE EXPERIENCED HO KA-LAU, HERO OF MANY A DOUR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, BY THE CONVINCING SCORES OF 6-1, 6-1.

There was no fluke about Ip's win. From the outset he established himself as the better player and he outclassed Ho in practically every phase of the game. Yesterday he concentrated chiefly on a baseline game and his accuracy on both wings, the speed with which he played his strokes,

and his clever counterpunch kept his veteran opponent on the run continually.

One of Ip's most useful strokes was a well-disguised drop-shot, which left Ho standing on numerous occasions.

The South China player's fixture with Tsui Yan-pui in the next round should provide one of the finest matches in the tournament and Tsui will be well advised not to take it too easily.

#### Promising Combination

G. Choa and A. V. Remedios, a new combination, showed promising but by no means brilliant form in beating A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong. Choa is playing as well as he was on the last occasion that he appeared in the tournament, while Remedios settled down after a shaky start to produce some fine strokes.

Feature of the match between Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, and T. E. Ling and Frank Kwok was the splendid form of Kong. He was slow to settle down but having done so he proved himself to be easily the finest player on the court.

His partner Fung gave adequate support but was not called upon to do very much.

Ling and Kwok both hit very hard on the forehand but the former appeared to be right out of touch and never gained complete control.

The Aguturoff brothers had a hard fight against Pang O-lam and Lee Kam-ming but their steadiness enabled them to win in straight sets, although they were given a great fight in the second.

#### TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following are to-day's matches:

- OPEN SINGLES**  
O. Umetani v M. Pagh (5).  
C. S. Lee v A. Crawford (6).  
**OPEN DOUBLES**  
Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming (8) v H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (8).  
**CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES**  
J. Sterling Lee (-2½) v E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) (2).  
H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) (7).  
**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
H. Van Leeuwen v G. W. Sewell (1).  
V. R. Gordon v A. K. Mackenzie (4).  
**CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (scr.) v E. H. Brazel and C. P. Charlton (-3/6) (3).

#### ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association will take place at Hong Kong Cricket Club on March 28, at 5.30 p.m.

#### SIGNALS DROP VALUABLE POINT

Royal Corps of Signals dropped a valuable point when they were held to a draw by 7th R.A. at Sookunpoo yesterday, in a Third Division soccer match, each side scoring once.

#### 12th R.A. Win

In the other Third Division match played at Stanley, between 12th R.A. and Royal Engineers, the former won by three goals to one.

Brackenberry for Signals and Clark for Gunners scored the goals.

In a postponed fixture in the Hockey Tournament, Recreio beat Nomads by four clear goals; B. T. Gosano scored in the first half, and R. Marques, (1) and Gerry Gosano (2) scored in the second half, to bring the score to four.

## COLONY ATHLETIC MEETING

THE ALL-HONG KONG SCHOOLS AND OPEN COLONY ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING, SPONSORED BY SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT CAROLINE HILL STADIUM, COMMENCING AT 10 A.M., ON MAY 9, 10 AND 11.

The proceeds of the meeting will go to the War Relief Fund.

Following is the official programme for the meeting:

Events open to all schools in the Colony:

**Boys' Senior Events:**—100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, 10,000 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.  
**Boys' Junior Events:**—80 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (12 pounds), 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,500 Metres Relay Race.  
**Small Boys' Events:**—50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Putt, 400 Metres Relay Race.

**Girls' Senior:**—80 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Putt, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball, and 400 Metres Relay Race.  
**Girls' Junior:**—50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt (6 pounds), Throwing the Baseball and Discus, 400 Metres Relay Race.

**Open Events for the Colony:**  
**Men's Events:**—110 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

**Ladies' Events:**—80 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt (14 pounds), Discus, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball and 400 Metres.

Entries will close on April 24.

## FLORRIE FOWLER TO WED

Miss Florence Margaret Fowler, the well-known local lady hockey player, will be married this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral to Mr. W. S. Long, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., at 4.30 p.m. A reception will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, following the Church ceremony.

## ARMY RECORD EQUALLED AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING

By "Sportshawk"

THE ARMY record for the 220 yards flat race was equalled by Sgt. Manfield, of Royal Air Force, when he returned 22 seconds in the final of the Small Units' Athletic Sports Meeting on the Chat-ham Road ground yesterday afternoon.

A brilliant effort in the anchor lap of the relay by Private Goodair, who closed a long gap on Private Dickens, of Middlesex "C" Company, and then went on to win, gave the 1st Bn. Middlesex "A" Company honours in this event.

The winning quartette of L/Cpl. Cox, Cpl. Seton, Pte. Williams and Pte. Goodair, though not favoured for this event, showed splendid form.

#### Relay Race

Four teams took part in this relay: 1st Bn. Middlesex "A", "B" and "C" Companies and La Salle College "A" team, who, it may be recalled, won the heat for the same event in the Inter-School Sports meet on Tuesday.

Capt. Belton won the javelin event comfortably, beating his nearest rival, L/Sgt. Bedford, by no fewer than 14 feet and 4½ inches, while Signm. Bennett threw the discus 78 feet and 11½ inches to beat Sgt. Pitt, who came

second, by 4 feet and 6 inches and win this event.

The three-mile flat race was a close one. Signm. Lewis, who led throughout, won the event by only a few yards from L.A.C. Moulton, while Signm. Lithauer, who came third, was close behind at the finish.

#### RESULTS

- 100 Yards:—1, Sgt. Manfield (R.A.F.); 2, S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) and 3, Driver Brown (R.A.S.C.). Time: 10 2/6 sec.  
High Jump:—1, Signm. Bennett (Signals); 2, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.). Height: 5 ft. 11½ in.  
800 Yards:—1, L.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.); 2, Cpl. Palmer (R.A.F.). Time: 2 min. 28 sec.  
Putting the Weight:—1, Sgt. Bedford (Signals); 2, Cpl. Maltin (R.A.O.C.) and 3, Capt. Belton. Distance: 35 ft. 2 in.  
220 Yards:—1, Sgt. Manfield (R.A.F.); 2, Driver Brown (R.A.S.C.) and 3, Capt. Belton. Time: 22 sec.  
Throwing the Hammer:—1, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.) and 2, Signm. Bennett (Signals). Distance: 77 ft. 7 in.  
One Mile:—1, Signm. Lewis (Signals); 2, L.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.) and 3, L.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.). Time: 5 min. 54 5/8 sec.

## TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

- OPEN SINGLES**  
K. H. Ip beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1.  
**OPEN DOUBLES**  
B. and I. Aguturoff beat Pang O-lam and Lee Kam-ming 6-2, 6-0.  
G. Choa and A. V. Remedios beat A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 6-1.  
Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui beat F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling 6-4, 6-3.  
**CLUB HANDICAP**  
T. C. Monaghan beat P. Wynter-Blyth 6-3, 6-3.

## SAPPERS BEAT THE GUNNERS

Royal Engineers accomplished a very creditable performance yesterday in the semi-final of the Large Units Cricket competition, when they beat the powerful Royal Artillery team, in a thrilling game, by 11 runs.

Sappers batted first and, with Tropp, Ratcliffe and Megson batting well, 79 runs were on the board for the loss of only three wickets. Later batsmen did not fare so well, however, and the whole team were out for 128, T. A. Pearce taking 4 for 40 and Barsby 2 for 10.

Gunners lost their first two wickets for four runs but a partnership between T. A. Pearce and H. Plummer then added 70 runs and it appeared any odds on the necessary runs being secured.

Megson and Denyer struck a length, however, and the last six wickets added only 43 runs. Megson took three wickets in his last three overs for four runs to finish with 5 for 40.

#### ROYAL ENGINEERS

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Tropp, run out                     | 13 |
| Ratcliffe, l.b.w., b T. A. Pearce  | 28 |
| Megson, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce   | 30 |
| Shaw, c Clague, b Dobbinson        | 10 |
| Denyer, b T. A. Pearce             | 4  |
| Freeman, c Plummer, b T. A. Pearce | 0  |
| Goss, b Barsby                     | 7  |
| Bailey, c Allison, b Barsby        | 3  |
| Pelham, b Ward                     | 12 |
| Holliday, c Barsby, b Plummer      | 15 |
| Samway, not out                    | 5  |
| Extras (NB1)                       | 1  |

Total 128

#### Bowling Analysis

|              | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Plummer      | 6  | 0  | 32 | 1  |
| Clague       | 3  | 0  | 20 | 0  |
| T. A. Pearce | 8  | 0  | 40 | 4  |
| Dobbinson    | 4  | 0  | 17 | 1  |
| Barsby       | 5  | 0  | 10 | 2  |
| Ward         | 2  | 0  | 8  | 1  |

Dobbinson bowled a no ball.

#### ROYAL ARTILLERY

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| Brig. McLeod, c and b Megson             | 3  |
| Lieut. Allinson, st. b Tropp             | 1  |
| Lieut. T. A. Pearce, b Denyer            | 36 |
| Lieut. Plummer, b Megson                 | 43 |
| Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, l.b.w., b Denyer | 9  |
| Lieut. Clague, l.b.w., b Megson          | 3  |
| Major Tempier, not out                   | 7  |
| Capt. Skipwith, c Barsby, b Denyer       | 0  |
| L/Bdr. Barsby, c and b Denyer            | 0  |
| L/Bdr. Dobbinson, l.b.w., b Megson       | 2  |
| L/Bdr. Ward, b Megson                    | 1  |
| Extras (B9, LB1, NB2)                    | 12 |

Total 117

#### Bowling Analysis

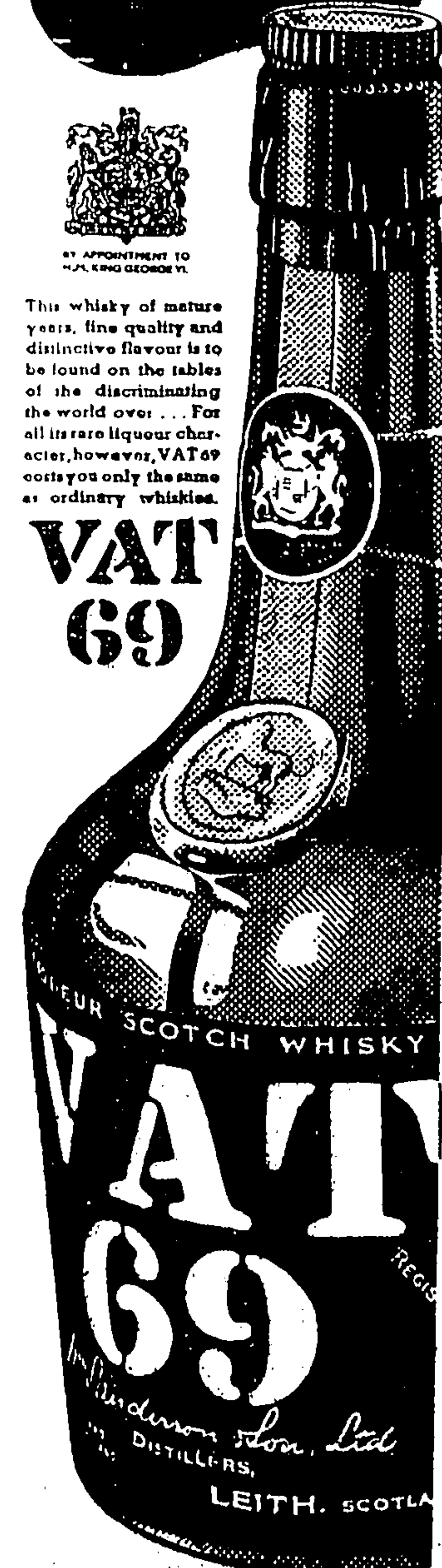
|          | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Megson   | 11 | 0  | 40 | 5  |
| Tropp    | 6  | 1  | 13 | 1  |
| Denyer   | 11 | 0  | 46 | 4  |
| Holliday | 2  | 0  | 6  | 0  |

## COTTAGE CLUB'S HUNT

The Cottage Club will hold a paper hunt on Saturday, commencing at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many riders as possible will turn out for this event, details of which will be published later in the week. Ponies will be drawn for in the usual manner.

- Signm. Lithauer (Signals). Time: 5 min. 25 sec.  
Long Jump:—1, Cpl. Morgan (R.A.S.C.). Distance: 18ft. 10½ in.  
Throwing the Javelin:—1, Capt. Belton; 2, L/Sgt. Bedford (Signals); and 3, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.). Distance: 127 ft. 7 in.  
Invitation, One Mile Madley Relay (880, 220, 220, 440):—1, 1st Bn. Middlesex "A"; 2, 1st Bn. Middlesex "C"; and 3, 1st Bn. Middlesex "B". Time: 4 min. 54 5/8 sec.  
Throwing the Discus:—1, Signm. Bennett (Signals); 2, Sgt. Pitt (R.A.O.C.) and 3, L/Sgt. Bedford (Signals). Distance: 73 ft. 11½ in.  
Three Miles:—1, Signm. Lewis (Signals); 2, L.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.) and 3, Signm. Lithauer (Signals). Time: 18 min. 30 sec.

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# SOUTH CHINA WIN FIRST DIVISION SOCCER TITLE

## Chan Tak-fai Scores Three Goals Against Police

### Losers Play Well In Closing Minutes

By "Referee"

SOUTH CHINA Athletic Association retained the First Division Soccer Championship when at Caroline Hill yesterday they defeated Police in their last League game by 4 goals to 2 after a goalless first half.

In spite of their defeat, Police played well and were unfortunate not to score on several occasions. In the very first minute of the second half, Wong Man-kwai missed when well placed and, when Police were two down, Moss had the misfortune to see his shot hit the upright with Tam Kwan-kon hopelessly beaten.

Police were further handicapped by an early injury to Gordon, on the right wing, and though this player continued he was not able to give of his best, though he sent over some good centres in the closing minutes.

In the first half Police played like champions. The forwards were seen in several good movements and both Howlett and Ferrier were prominent while Wong Man-kwai was also dangerous.

Moss found the constant attentions of Tsang Chung-wan troublesome but played much better in the second period.

Tsang Wing, in Police goal, was safe with high shots and played a good game, bringing off some good saves and giving every indication of developing into a first class goalkeeper. Blackburn was again a tower of strength in the defence. He was not spectacular but put in a lot of hard and useful work and covered his halves well. His partner, Chang Kong-yui also did well but was not so safe under pressure and his clearances were, at times, at random.

#### Gough Plays Well

Gough covered the centre of the field well and had Lee Wai-tong in close check but this left Chan Tak-fai and Chau Man-chi somewhat freer and the latter was a continual source of danger and worry to the Police defence.

Pope had a hard afternoon against Lee Shek-yau and was continually drawn out of position by Chau Man-chi while North more than held his own against Lee Tak-kee on the right wing.

Gordon, on the right wing, did all that was expected of him following his injury while it was only in the second period that he came into the picture on the left wing.

Howlett and Ferrier combined well and in the first half often had the Chinese defence entangled. Howlett showed good ball control but he did not have many chances against the Chinese defenders as Lam Tak-po had him well marked. Ferrier worked hard and with Howlett was the most dangerous of the Police forwards.

Wong Man-kwai had more of the ball but he spoiled many good movements by holding on to it too long while he was not in shooting form.

Lee Wai-tong was seen at his best in the later stages of the game when Police were making a desperate effort to score.

#### Chan Man-Chi Schemes Well

The main schemer of the Chinese attack was Chan Man-chi. He showed good footwork and in the second half fed Lee Shek-yau well with long swinging passes and it was from the latter's centres that most of the Chinese goals accrued.

Lee Shek-yau was prominent in the second half but was woefully off form in the first half though he had several chances.

Lau Hing-choy and Lau Chung-sang were the pick of the

great stopper, while behind them Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung were safe. The latter played consistently well while the former was better in the first half.

Tam Kwan-kon did not have very much to do. He brought off a good save in the first half from Moss and generally played an improved game.

#### The Scoring

After a scoreless first half, Police were given a great opportunity when Wong Man-kwai found himself in possession and in a favourable position, but shot wide. Play veered to the other end

and Chan Tak-fai fastened to a pass from Lee Shek-yau. He was tackled by three defenders but managed to place the ball out of Tsang Wing's reach. South China were another goal up a few minutes later through Chan Tak-fai and, following good work between Lee Shek-yau and Chau Man-chi, the latter sent in a hard drive which Tsang Wing touched but fumbled—the referee who was nearby adjudged it a goal.

South China were four goals in the lead after 10 minutes play and Chan Tak-fai registered his third goal from a pass from Lee Tak-kee.

South China were not resting on their lead but Police never gave up and Howlett, Wong Man-

kwai and Ferrier were hard-working in the attack.

A goal by Ferrier put life into the Police side in spite of being three goals in arrears and shortly after Moss reduced the lead with a good shot. With less than 10 minutes to go Police played well and went all out but in spite of their efforts were not able to score further.

**SOUTH CHINA**—Tsang Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

**POLICE**—Tsang Wing; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yui; Pope, Gough, North, Gordon, Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Ferrier, Moss.

*Sig.* Before and after exercise

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# NEW ANGLO-TURKISH TALKS ON THE BALKANS

## Mr. Eden's Flying Trip To Cyprus: Complete Harmony

### NO BOMBS ON ENGLAND IN DAYLIGHT

No bombs are reported to have been dropped anywhere on land in Britain during daylight yesterday and no alert was sounded in the evening.

There was some aerial activity over the British coast and in the morning a Dornier 17 was shot down into the North Sea.—Reuter.

**MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, YESTERDAY MET DR. SARAJOGLU, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, IN CYPRUS.**

The meeting is the second between the two statesmen in less than three weeks. The previous meeting took place in Ankara, when General Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, conferred with Turkish Ministers and the Army Chief of Staff.

Every aspect of the international situation was examined, with special attention to the Balkan situation, at these conversations.

A communique issued at their conclusion stated "Complete agreement between the two Governments was reached on their policy in regard to all these problems."

Mr. Eden flew to Cyprus early yesterday morning for the meet-

ing, which took place at Mr. Eden's invitation.

### Re-Emphasised

Announcing the meeting, a communique issued in Cairo last night stated: "They reviewed various developments in the international situation which have taken place since Mr. Eden's visit to Ankara last month and re-emphasised the complete identity of views which exists between their two Governments."

"Highly satisfactory to both sides," was the description applied in authoritative British quarters in Cairo to the meeting.

In the fortnight since their previous meeting at Ankara, much has happened; it was therefore natural that the Ministers should meet to discuss the progress made.

CYPRUS PAID A WARM WELCOME TO THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS IN WHICH THE GREEK, BRITISH AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES ENTHUSIASTICALLY JOINED IN.

### DR. SARAJOGLU CLARIFIES STAND

"We shall have a common victory. Meanwhile we are rejoicing at your victories as if they were our own," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, to the special correspondent of the *Athena* newspaper "Ethnos" in Ankara yesterday.

Dr. Sarajoglu added: "The Greek deeds are magnificent and provide a glorious page in the history of humanity."

"I am optimistic as regards the future and am convinced the results will be good. We shall probably have to go through new trials but this matters little to our people."

In conclusion Dr. Sarajoglu sent "my heartiest greetings to Greece."—Reuter.

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## DOUBLE WATCH IN U.S. WATERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A NEW YORK REPORT STATES THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO DOUBLE ITS WATCH IN AMERICAN WATERS IN FACE OF NEW THREATS OF INCREASED GERMAN U-BOAT ACTIVITY ON MERCHANT SHIPPING AND AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION CONVEYED BY LORD HALIFAX, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT GERMAN U-BOATS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO AMERICAN WATERS.

In Washington, the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, yesterday confirmed the report that information had been lodged by Lord Halifax.

## MARTIAL LAW PROLONGED IN TURKEY

The decree concerning martial law in Turkey was unanimously prolonged a further three months at a meeting of the Turkish Grand National Assembly yesterday, states Ankara radio quoted by Reuter.

New York reports have it that planes are already being drafted for the convoy of American ships half-way across the Atlantic.—International News Service.

## STOP PRESS

First reading of the amending Estate Duty Ordinance passed its first reading in Legislative Council this afternoon. The second and third readings are to be taken next week.

The well-informed Washington "News-Letter" reports the receipt of information from the Far East indicating that of all the unwilling statesmen who have proceeded to Germany in recent years, none has gone more unwillingly than Mr. Matsuo-oka, who is said to have been convinced before he left that nothing could be achieved for the benefit of Japan.

It is alleged he was forced to go by a powerful clique in the Foreign Office headed by Mr. Ohashi and backed by the Japanese militarists.

Reports that the Japanese and German militarists are getting closer together seem to be partly confirmed by the disclosure in Washington that the sole remaining United States steamship line running to Lisbon has been taking across the Atlantic between 15 and 20 Japanese officers a week. On arrival at Lisbon, it is reported, they are quickly whisked to Germany by Lufthansa airliners.—Reuter.

In Finance Committee this afternoon, approval was given to expenditure for employment of 2,000 nightsoil coolies, a decision which, in effect, authorised Government to take over control of nightsoil removal.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo protested against apparent failure of the Urban Council or Government to consider the petition of the Luen Yick Guild, but said it seemed futile to prolong the discussion or vote against the motion.

The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas said that the only conclusion to draw was that Government would use its majority to force the motion. He would, nevertheless, abstain from voting.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell said it was a pity that Government could not agree to continue the old system under supervision.

The Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie abstained from voting.

The Hon. Mr. W. J. Carries assured Members that Government would employ all those nightsoil coolies who come forward to work under Government.



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